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A road laid out from the Meeting house to the bridge

Nov 1777



4th March 1875

9. 1848 for Boston Feb 17 1848

My dear Mr. Garrison I have received the within
and I am glad that they contain some of the
the most interesting and I am sure that they will
not be given to this town the first day of the year

Yr

Wm. L. Garrison

Bedford Town: ~

Book An.^e ~

~ 1727 ~ 30 ~ ~



and so forth down in october an
one sent to see the new town
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1783
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Received of the Honble the Secretary of the
Board of Trade and Plantations the sum of
£ 1000

for the purchase of the sum of 1000
acres of land in the County of ...

in the County of ...

...

1783

...

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...

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1

...

...

...

In Council Septembr 26 1727
 voted that mr jonathan Bacon a principal inhabi-
 tance of the town of Bedford bee and hereby is fully
 empowered and Directed to assemble the Freeholders and
 other Inhabitant of the Town to convene as soon as ^{may} bee
 to Elect and choose Town officers to stand untill the
 next anniversary meeting in march

Sent down for concurrence

W. Villard Secy

In the House of Representatives September 26 1727

Read and Concurred

Quincy Spkr

Consented to W. Villard

A true copy

Examined

an
 octobr 2^d 1727 W. Villard Secy

in obedience to the within written I have notified the inha-
 bitance of Bedford to assemble at the meeting house in Bedford
 then and there to make choice of Town oficers as the law
 directs on Monday the 6th day of October at nine of the
 clock in the forenoon

Jonathan Bacon

Bedford October the 6th 1727

Supposed
 chosen

The Town annually meet and convene to gether and
 choas Town oficersors

Jonathan Bacon Moderator

Samuel Fitch }
 Nathaniel Meriam } select

Jonathan Bacon } men

Nathaniel Paige }
 Daniel Dadies }
 Town

Samuel Fitch }
 Clerk

Isreal Putnam } constbels

Stephen Danies } Town

John Fasset } Tresurer

Job Lane } Sarcneyrs

Samuel Meriam }
 Town

Daniel Cheever }
 Josiah Fasset } Fithing
 men

Obd Abott } Fenc
 Beniam Colborn } newers

James Wheelor } Hogref
 Jonathan Bacon }
 Town

John Lane } sclar of
 wates wails

Thomas Woolley } Fild
 John Whippell } Drivers

a Town meeting at Bedford October: 13th: 1727 at a general Town meeting
 Mr Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1 Vot was to see whether the Town will except of the Meeting house
 and the Town except of the Meeting house as the former com-
 met had agreed with Joseph Fitch for four hundred and
 sixty pound

2 a com meety is choas to by the Town to see the Meeting house
 perfect and finished Mr Nathaniel Meriam

Mr John Fassett corⁿ Nathaniel Paige

3 Vot was for Raising money for defraying the charge of
 the Meeting house

4 Vot for leuing four hundred and sixty pound of money
 for the Meeting house Keat

5 Vot was for three hundred and Sixty pound thirteen
 shillings and eight pence for the first Keat for a year

6 Vot was for paying the Minstor by a Keat from this time forw-

7 Vot was for peparing the money for the contrubution
 and every man is to set his name on the pepar and the
 money shall go to wards the Minstors Keate

8 Vot was for Mr Nathaniel Meriam was choas to tack an
 count of the money of the contrubution this quarter of a year

9 Vot was for Raising forty pound to maintain preachin amon

10 Vot was to choas a com meety to th provide a minstor when
 this quarter is out and the are to provide till new may insuing
 the com meety that was choas: Mr William Hartwell Job Lane

11 Vot was for four men Mr John Fassett Mr Nathaniel Meriam
 cor Nathaniel Paige Josiah Fassett to tacke Dees of the land that
 for the Town that is given or that is sold

12 Vot was to choas a com meety Samuel Fitch Stephen Arise
 to tacke care of the Bond and to tack the Fee for the Town
 of the land that walking that the he sold to the com meety

13 Vot was to choas a com meety Job Lane Josiah Fassett
 to recon with Mr Jonathan Bacon to see what time an money
 he expenied at the general cort in perfecting our townsipe
 and to bring in the Report at the next Town meeting

14 a Vot was past for a Keat of fifteen pound to defray the
 charges that shall be or may arise in the Town

1. vote was to see if the Town wd grant mr William Simostes
his Request that is to free him from the meeting house Keat
and the charge of settling the minister and it was put to
vote it was a tie

2. vote was to see if the Town wd grant mr Christopher Paige
Request that is to free him from the Meetinghouse Keat and
the charges of settling the minister Keat and it was put to
vote and it went in the negative

Bedford October 23th 1727

The selectmen^{men} have out a burying place and it was in
the land that mr Israel Putnam gave to the Town and ^{the} burying
it is bounded By the Highway that gos from the Meeting ^{place}
house to woborn half an acre the southwest corner is a stake ^{that was}
and stons and runs easterly eight pool to a stake and stons then ^{first laid}
it runs northerly ten pool to a stake and stons and then it
runs westerly ^{10 stake and stons} eight pool and then it runs southerly
ten pool to the corner where it began

Bedford October 30th 1727 Meeting house Keat

The first reat made by the assessors: 500 300 - 8 - 3 ^{crat}
mr Israel putnam const^{le} to collect the Meetinghouse Keat is: 149 - 7 - 9 ⁵
mr Stephen Davies const^{le} to collect the Meetinghouse Keat: 157 - 0 - 0 - 6 ^{Keat and}

November 18th 1727 minister Keat and Town Keat

made by the assessors of Bedford

mr Israel putnam const^{le} to collect minister and Town Keats: 22 - 11 - 7 ^{between minister and town}
mr Stephen Davies const^{le} to collect minister and Town Keats: 31 - 3 - 9 ^{between minister and town}

Bedford January the 7th 1727: 30

Mr Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1. vote he Reconsidered that vote that was past the last meeting for
preaching till next may in June
2. vote was for setting a Minister as soon as maybe with conuency
3. vote was for preaching a month from this time mr William Hartwel
and If Job Lane are to stand as a commety to provide a minister
4. vote was to choose a Minister by a vote of the Town how the Town
pleas to choose by a vote:
5. vote was for mr William Hartwel and If Job Lane are to treat
with mr Hancock and with mr Rugels and mr Whiting in order
to a fast and they appointed a fast on the 22nd day of January: 1727-30
mr William Hartwel gave five pound and it was delivered to the
Selectmen and 20 shillings of it went to pay mr Oliver Whiting

A Town meeting at Bedford October: 13th: 1727 at a general meeting
 Mr Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1. A vote was to see whether ^{the} Town will except of the Meeting house
 and the Town excepted of the Meeting house as the former com-
 munity had a greed with Joseph Fitch for four hundred and
 sixty pound

2. A committee is choas ~~to~~ by the Town to see the Meeting house
 perfected and finished Mr Nathaniel Meriam

Mr John Fassett Mr Nathaniel Paige

3. A vote was for Raising money for defraying the charge of
 the Meeting house

4. A vote for lending four hundred and sixty pound of money
 for the Meeting house Keat

5. A vote was for three hundred and fifty six pound thirteen
 shillings and eight pence for the Keat for young la-

6. A vote was for paying the Minster by a Keat from this time forward

7. A vote was for peparing the money for the contrubution
 and every man is to set his name on the pepar and the
 money shall go to wards the Minsters Keate

8. A vote was for Mr Nathaniel Meriam was choas to take an
 count of the money of the contrubution this quarter of a year

9. A vote was for Raising forty pound to maintain preaching among

10. A vote was to choas a committee to provide a minster when
 this quarter is out and the are to provide till next may insuing
 the committee that was choas: Mr William Hartwell Job Lane

11. A vote was for four men Mr John Fassett Mr Nathaniel Meriam
 Mr Nathaniel Paige Mr Josiah Fassett to take Dees of the land that
 for the Town that is given or that is sold

12. A vote was to choas a committee Samuel Fitch Stephen Aulse
 to take care of the Bond and to take the Fee for the Town
 of the land that walking that he sold to the community

13. A vote was to choas a committee Job Lane Josiah Fassett
 to recon with Mr Jonathan Bacon to see what time an money
 he expenied at the general cert in perfecting our townshipe
 and to bring in the Report at the next Town meeting

14. A vote was past for a Keat of fifteen pound to pay the
 charges that shall be or may arise in the Town

1. vote was to see if the Town wd grant Mr William Simos^{ter} his Request that is to free him from the meeting house Keat and the charge of settling the minister and it was put to vote it was a tie

2. vote was to see if the Town wd grant Mr Christopher Paige Request that is to free him from the Meeting house Keat and the charges of settling the minister Keat and it was put to vote and it went in the negative

Bedford October 23rd 1729

The selectmen^{men} laid out a burying place and it was in the land that Mr Israel Putnam gave to the Town and it is bounded By the Highway that goes from the Meeting house to Woborn half an acre the southwest corner is a stake and stones and runs easterly eight pole to a stake and stones then it runs northerly ten pole to a stake and stones and then it runs westerly eight pole and then it runs southerly ten pole to the corner where it began

Bedford October 30th 1729 (meeting house Keat)

The first reat made by the assessor: 500 700 - 8 - 3
 Mr Israel Putnam const^{able} to collect the Meeting house Keat is: 149 - 7 - 9
 Mr Stephen Davies const^{able} to collect the Meeting house Keat: 157 - 0 - 6

November 18th 1729 minister Keat and Town Keat made by the assessors of Bedford

Mr Israel Putnam const^{able} to collect minister and Town Keats: 22 - 11 - 7
 Mr Stephen Davies const^{able} to collect minister and Town Keats: 31 - 3 - 2

Bedford January the 7th 1729: 30 a Town meeting
 Mr Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1. vote was considered that vote that was past at the last meeting for preaching till next May in June
2. vote was for settling a Minister as soon as maybe with convenience
3. vote was for preaching a month from this time Mr William Hartwel and If Job Lane are to stand as a committee to provide a minister
4. vote was to choose a Minister by a vote of the Town how the Town pleases to choose by a vote
5. vote was for Mr William Hartwel and If Job Lane are to treat with Mr Hancock and with Mr Kugels and Mr Whiting in order to a fast and may appointed a fast on the 22nd day of January: 1729-30
 Mr William Hartwel gave five pound and it was delivered to the Selectmen and 20 shilling of it went to pay Mr Oliver

with hart
five poun
eight
to the
down—
for Rightin Seeds an Acknoligin of thanks for him
for the law book tow pound for town book ten shillings: 2-6
and the money Remaine is on pound eight shilling and fourpence
in the han of mr Nathaniel Meriam

Berford January 12th: 1729-30

the selectmen met and somothers with them and thought it convenient
to alter the burying place and layed it abitt further & toward
bounde westerly by great putnam's land it pool souwest corner is
a stake and stons and runs northerly it pool to a stake and stons and then
it runs easterly: 6: pool to a stake and stons and then it runs southerly
it pool to a stake and stons and then it runs westerly 6: pool to the
stake and stons wher it began ther is a bridel way a lowe to goe
from the road that leads from the meetinghouse to woborn to the burial
place

Berford february the 11th: 1729-30 a town meeting

mr Nathaniel Meriam moderator

1. that mr Doves was choas to be our Minister for 43
2. that was for choosing a comit^{ee} mr Nathaniel Meriam and
If Job Lane corn Nathaniel paice to treat with the Minister
3. that was The Town granted mr Jonathan Bacon five poun
eight shilling and eight pence: for the money that he spent at the contra
4. that was that the Town not free mr William Simons of the P
Meeting house Rent

Berford february 23: 1729-30 a Town meeting

mr Josiah Fassett moderator

1. that was for giving the Minister ninty poun a year and to
ad tow poun a year till it comes to a hundre poun a year
2. that was to let the Minister have sixteen Acres of land
3. that was the walen of the land was nine poun per Acre
4. that was to give the Minister for his setelment tow hundre poun
5. that was for to give mr Jonathan Bacon five shillings any for his 12 days
that he spent at the genral court in perfectin our Township: three poun
6. Nathaniel Tailors Regus was put to the Town and the Town wa
acknoliking upon it to Free him of the moneys he has Rent

Bedford March the 2^d 1729³⁰

The Town meet and come together and choas Town
offesors for the year insuing

Nathanel Meriam Moderator

woate was to choas a Town Clarke first

Samuel Fitch { Town
Clark
sworn

Joseph Bacon } Highway
John Hartwel } men sworn

Samuel Fitch

Nathanel Meriam { select

Jonathan French } Fence

Nathanel Paige { men

John Lane } viewers

Josiah Fassett { Sworn as

David Taylor } Sworn

Job Lane { Assesors

Josiah Bacon { constbels
Daniel Cheener { sworn

John Paige { Hogreues
John Meriam } sworn

Samuel Meriam { Town
Treasurer
sworn

Nathanel Paige { Field Driners
Benjamin Colborn } Sworn

Thomas Woolley } Geneir
John Whippel } of highwayes
sworn

Joseph Deane { sealar of leather
sworn

Bedford. March 23^d 1729³⁰ at a Town meeting

Mr Nathanel Meriam Moderator

the Town woate to give Mr Bowes nintey five pound the first year

the Town woate to give Mr Bowes a hundre pound the second year

and so to continue so long as he sustains & pasture offes of a minister

the Town woate that our money shall be in proportion

as it is now in valuation rising or fallin

the Town woate that Mr Bowes salary be paye evey half
years end

the Town woate that the sixteen acres of land be at eight
pound per acer

the Town woate to give Mr Bowes five antwenty cor. of wood a year

the Town woate to allowe to Mr John Fassett 20 dayes an acer

the Town woate to allowe Mr John Fassett five shilling a day
for twenty dayes that he spent at the Genral cort in
perfectin our township which is five acres

March 31 1730 the assessors made the last rate for the Meeting house: last par which is a hundred and fifty seven pound five shillings and a eleven pence 157-5-11
 mr Josiah Bacon ^{constable} his list is 80-12-11
 mr Daniel Cheever constable his list is 76-15-0
 the constables are to make up ther acopys of the Meeting house Rent at or before the 20th Day of May next in suing

Bedford at a town meeting may the 18: 1730

1 mr Josiah Tasset moderator

2 the town voted that mr Bowes salary ~~first~~ begins the first day of June

3 the town voted to ordain mr Bowes in the month of July next

4 the Town voted to chous a committee of three men to manage that a faire for the ordaining mr Bowes

5 the committee that was choas mr Nathaniel Meriam
 H Job Lane cor Nathaniel Paige

6 the town voted to defray the charge of the ordanation out of the Town Tresurey

Bed Bedford march 23: 1729/30 at a Town meeting
 mr Bowes proposed to the Town the folowing articles to be complied with in order to his Settlement with them, in the work of the gospel ministry viz.

to grant him ninety five pounds the first year.

to grant him an hundred pounds the second year and so on ^{annually}

to give him five and twenty cord of wood yearly.

that the money be all wayes in proportion to its present valuation and credit which is at eighteen shillings pr ounce

that his salary be paid every half year.

this is to be done as long as he sustains the pastoral office among them.

the town voted a compliance with the above articles

3rd day 13. 1730.

I accept of the Entertainment and Salary offered the Town have offered and proposed to me, as witness my hand & seal this 23rd day of March 1730.

1750

Beford September the 22^d at a Town meeting 1750

Mr Jonathan Bacon was choas moderator

1st voat was to chous a commeety to give Mr Bowes a titel to his land

3rd voat was to chous three commeety men to give Mr Bowes a titel to the sixteen acers of land

4th voat was to chous this committee by a handy voat

the first committee man Deacon Nathaniel Merriam

the secon committee man Mr William Hartwell

the third committee man Mr Jonathan Bacon

5th voat this committee are impowred by the Town to give Mr Bowes a titell to the sixteen acers of land in the Behalf of the Town the land that was voated for Mr Bowes to be for part his settlement

6th voat that the select men goyn with the Committee to stake oute somuch of the Towns land as is convenient for the yous of the Town about the meetinghouse for a traine place

7th voat was the six acers of land that was Dec: Israel Putnam and the half acer of land that was Samuel Merriam and all the land that is on the easterly sid of the trooden path that goes or leads from the meetinghouse to Deane Nathaniel Merriam except the land that was staked out about the meetinghouse

8th voat Mr Bowes complement of land to be laid out on the west side of the trooden path that goes to Deane Nathaniel Merriam from the Meetinghouse next to Concord St line leaving Town part for a conueance for his way to the said line. Somuch of the said land to be laid out acordin to the discreson of the committee

9th voat the Town excepte if the Meetinghouse at the four hundred and sixty pound that the committee agree to build and finish the meetinghouse

10th voat to her Joseph Fitchs account and Joseph Fitch and John Wheeler there shewed up the meeting house for the four hundred and sixty pound and the Town shal paye her the same

11th voat the Town voated twenty five pound as soon as possible with conueancy to be payed to Joseph Fitch on Re: 29th of Nov:

Before October the 29: 1730 at a Town meeting
Mr Jonathan Bacon moderator

- 1 vote was the Town allowed the committee for the charge of the Ordanacion fifteen pound to be drawn out of the Town Treas^{re}
- 2 vote was for building stables along by Deacon Jereal Putnam's wall on the North side of the Meeting house
- 3 vote was to set or build stables on the South side of the Meeting house the back side of the stables to stand on the line of Benjamin Deans land
- 4 vote was the Town gave Joseph Fitch seventy five pounds: 75 p and the money is to be paid the five and twentieth day of next Desember com twelvemonth which will be in the year on thousand seven hundred and thirty and one 1731:

November 16 1730 The Town Tax for the Town of Bolton

The Town Tax this year is twenty pound fifteen shillings and six pence and the Representative Tax for our Town is seven pound sixteen shillings and six pence and Joseph Bacon for the collector and gatherer is fourteen pound and four pence

for the Town Cheever constable is collected and paid is thirteen pound fourteen shillings and four pence

for the Town's gallery Keat November 1730

the Town's gallery is collected of Mr Bow's gallery which is the part to gather 2 fifteen pound fifteen shillings and six pence and the Town's gallery is collected of Mr Bow's gallery which is the part to gather 2 fifteen pound fifteen shillings and six pence and the Town's gallery is collected of Mr Bow's gallery which is the part to gather 2 fifteen pound fifteen shillings and six pence

for the Town's gallery Keat November 1730 the Town's gallery is collected of Mr Bow's gallery which is the part to gather 2 fifteen pound fifteen shillings and six pence and the Town's gallery is collected of Mr Bow's gallery which is the part to gather 2 fifteen pound fifteen shillings and six pence

Before Desember 1730

the Town's gallery Keat for our Town this year is five pound and four pence

for the Town's gallery Keat for our Town this year is five pound and four pence

for the Town's gallery Keat for our Town this year is five pound and four pence

Before January 24th 1750 at a Town meeting
1. Mr Jonathan Bacon was choas moderator

2. That to lot out the free ground in the Meetinghouse
3. That they choas a committee of three men
the first committee man Mr William Hartwell the second
committee man Mr Stephen Daines the third committee man
Deac Asenel Putnam

4. That for the man and his wife to set in the free and they
excepting the reasons
shall lot out the pices by pay.

5. That there shall be but one poall to an estate in 5th within
the meeting house and pices

6. That it is left with the committee to lot out the pices
according to the discretion of the committee

7. That the Town waste to choas a committee to seat the
meetinghouse

8. That to choas a committee of three men to seat the
meetinghouse the first ~~comite~~ committee man Mr Jonathan
Bacon the second committee man Mr John Hartwell the
third committee man Mr Richard Wheler

9. That they are to have respect to them that are eldest
of age or upward

10. That those that are under fifty years of age are to be
seate in the meetinghouse according to their sort

11. That they that have pices they shall have them according to what
they have payed to the meetinghouse

12. That the front row seat in the gallery to be open
for them seat who in the day of years

13. That the high way East from the meetinghouse towards the
Brews lane to be two pe wide and the same
changes with the hoes an less and more as the same changes
the South of the meetinghouse adjoining to the old lane

10
Bedford January the 20th 1730

This is the account of the money and land that was given for
incorrigement for the Town in the year 1729

Mr Joseph Dean	gave	four	acres	of	land	
Mr great Putnam	gave	two	acres	and	half	of
Mr Josiah Tasset	gave	two	acres	of	land	
Mr John Whippel	gave	two	acres	of	land	
Mr Benjamin Colborn	gave	two	acres	of	land	
Mr Samuel Meriam	gave	half	an	acre	of	land
Mr James Lane	gave	ten	pounds	in	money	10-0-0
Cornel Nathaniel Paige	gave	seven	pounds	in	money	7-0-0
Mr Job Lane	gave	six	pounds	in	money	6-0-0
Mr John Lane	gave	five	pounds	in	money	5-0-0
Mr Nathaniel Meriam	gave	four	pounds	in	money	4-0-0
Mr Job Lane	gave	five	pounds	in	money	5-0-0
Mr Joseph Bacon	gave	five	pounds	in	money	5-0-0
Mr John Hartwel	gave	five	pounds	in	money	5-0-0
Mr Jonathan Bacon	gave	three	pounds	in	money	3-0-0
Joseph Fitch	gave	three	pounds	in	money	3-0-0

Bedford February the 4th 1730/31 at a Summery
for choosing of a Represtative and the Town did not choose
any for the Town were not qualified

Bedford March the 5th 1730/31

The Town met to and chosen together and chosen Town
officers for the year ensuing

Mr Josiah Tasset	Moderator	Thomas Woolley	summers
Samuel Fitch	Town Clerk	John Whippell	sworn

Samuel Fitch

Josiah Tasset

great Putnam

Richard Whelton

Samuel Meriam

James Lane

Benjamin Colborn

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

David Taylor

Frances Wilson

John Sterns

John Abbot

Jonathan Bacon

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel

John Hartwel Town Treasurer
and the Town past a not that the hogs shud run at large
The Wife of Nathaniel Whittier
of Concord gave to the town five pounds of tallow

Before March the 15th: 1730.

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The Selectmen met on the 12th of March on the South Side of the highway thorow Mr Bows land and stake out as much of the Towns land adjoining to Mr Bows land on the South of the meeting house according to the will of the said Town.

Before April the 15th: 1731 at a Town meeting

Deacon Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1. Voted the Town allow Mr John Fassett the sum of six pound for his expence of pocket expences at the General Court in performing of our Town shipe

Mr Joseph Dean he entered his dissent against the vote of Mr John Fassett six pound

2. Voted that the Town except of what the Committee have given us to their taking out the pines

3. Voted that the Town sweep the meeting house

4. Voted that the meeting house should be swept six times a year

Attest

Before May the 13th: 1731 at a Town meeting

The Town did not choose a Representative for the next year not qualified a cordin as the Law directs as to the number of famelies

Mr John Lane Moderator:

1. The Town Voted and chose Two Committee men to set the Court of common pleas to be holden at Cambridge on the 18th of May instant to answer Billiraca petition concerning Billiraca great Bridge

The first Committee man Mr Jonathan Bacon and the second Committee man Deacon Nathaniel Meriam:

2. Mr Josiah Tassels request concerning the pines was not granted

1731

Bedford September the 20th 1731 at a Town meeting
Benjen Nathaniel Meriam moderator

1. voted that the town past a vote that there should be a tax made for the remaining part of Mr. Benjen's settlement to be paid
2. voted that the would pay the remaining part of Mr. Benjen's settlement on the last day of January next in spring
3. voted that the ~~town~~ would not have an entrance taken of the Real Estate this year
4. voted to allow a man three shillings per day for work at the high ways till the end of September and to allow on shilling and six pence per day for a yoke of oxen and six pence per day for a cart till the last of September
5. voted that after the last day of September to allow a man two shillings and six pence per day and for a yoke of oxen one shilling and six pence per day and for a cart six pence per day
6. voted that our high ways shall be mended by a tax
7. voted was to see the minds of the town to see if they would empower the committee to rectify mistakes concerning the assessing of the rates and ~~this~~^{this} went and went in the negative
8. voted that the town empowered the committee to put every man's due upon Record

Bedford October the 15th 1731 the province tax made by the Assessors of the Town of Bedford the province tax is Twenty pound thirteen shillings and three pence.

20-13-3

Benjamin Colborn constable is to collect of the province tax nine pound fifteen shillings and seven pence

9-15-7

James Lane constable is to collect of the said tax is ten pound seventeen shillings and eight pence

10-17-8

and the county tax for our town is six pound seventeen shillings and nine pence

6-17-9

Benjamin Colborn constable is to collect of county tax three pound five shillings

3-5-0

James Lane constable is to collect of the said tax is three pound twelve shillings and nine pence

3-12-9

- Bedford October 1731 a tax made by the Assessors of the said Town
- Mr Bowes saleray which is a hundred pound and four 100-0-0
pound and four shilling and one penny 104-4-1
- Mr Benjamin Colborn constabel is to collect of Mr Bowes
saleray ~~fifty four~~ ^{four} ~~thirty~~ ^{two} shillings and seven pence: 50-2-5
- Mr James Lane constabel is to collect of the said tax
fifty four pound a leuen shillings and six pence 54-11-6
- Mr Bowes settment which is sixty eight pound seventeen shilling and
pence 68-17-3
- Mr Benjamin Colborn constabel is to collect of Mr Bowes settment
thirty two pound ninten shillings and four pence 32-12-4
- Mr James Lane constabel is to collect of the said tax
thirty five pound seventeen shillings and a leuen pence 35-17-11
- the meting house tax which is seventy five pound ten shilling and
a leuen pence 75-10-11
- Mr Benjamin Colborn constabel is to collect of the meting house tax
thirty six pound three ~~pound~~ shilling and seven pence 36-3-0
- Mr James Lane constabel is to collect of the said tax
thirty nine pound seven shillings and four pence 39-7-4

Bedford Desember the 22^d 1731 at a General Town meeting legally
warned

Dean Nathaniel Meriam was choas Moderator

- 1 Artakel was to see the mind of the town whether they will lay
out the high way thorow Mr Bowes land that he bought of Mr
Joseph Dean to be two road wider and it was put to a voat
and it went in the negative
- 2 Artakel was to see the minds of the Town whether they will
choas a committee to look over the towns account to see how the
Towns money is expended and it was put to a voat and it went
in the negative
- 3 Artakel was to see the minds of the town whether they would
except of what the select men have don as to laying out the high
way from the Meting house to Stephen Faueses house and so on to
Leamtown line in case the owners of the land will give said land for
a high way and it was voated and ~~put~~ excepted at a meeting

The Moderator with the selectmen quier the meeting from the 28th day
of Desember to the 31st day of Desember instant at a leuen o'clock in the
fore none

- 4 Artakel was to see the minds of the Town whether they would except
of the high way that was layed out from the meting house to John
Sterns land the town excepted in case the ~~town~~ owners of the land will
give the said land for a high way and it was voated and put excepted
at the said meeting

- 5 Artackel was to see the mind of the town whether they will excepte of the high way that was layed out from Kiders to Josep Fitches and from the said fitches over Seir Swampe thro Hartwells and Dauses land to the land of Davis Talors to concord river meadow path and from sternses bars to Fitches land in case the oners of the land will give the ~~that~~ said land for a high way and it was voted and ~~put~~ excepted at the said meeting
- 6 Artackel was to see the minds of the town concerning the turning the Contrey Road and it was deferied
- 7 Artackel was to see the minds of the town whether they will make a high way Kent and it was put to a vote and it was negative
- 8 Artackel was to see the minds of the town whether they will chouse a commety to despos of the ~~the~~^{the} ground in the meeting house and it was put ~~a vote~~ to a vote and it past in the negative

1731

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At a general Town Meeting lawfully warned and held on the first day of March 1731 Nathaniel Meriam Moderator the town presented and chose their town officers for y^e year in coming John Tappet Town Clerk Nathaniel Meriam Samuel Patch John Tappet Richard Wheeler John Lane John Mon and others Francis Scilson and Thomas Woolley Constables these are all sworn in there respective offices
 Let John Lane Town Treasurer Sworn to the same offices
 Samuel Meriam and Jonathan Bacon ^{junior} assessors of high ways sworn
 Jonathan Bacon and Isaac Hartwell Tithing men sworn to y^e same offices
 Daniel Danice Nathaniel Page John Hartwell Fence Viewers sworn
 Eleazer Davis and Obad Abbott dog-keepers sworn
 The town Voted that y^e wine should go off large this year

November the 29th 1731 The select men met and went & laid out a Road or Way from the Meeting house or Beginning at y^e same until it comes to Lexington bounds Bounded and marked as follows through the Common or town Land and through Mr Bowers Land so through Nathaniel Meriam's & John Meriam's Land and so through John Tappet's Land & through Nathaniel Meriam's Land to Joseph Bacon's Land & through Jo to Bacon's to John Tappet's Land this way is two poles wide with trees marked and stakes all on the South easterly side of y^e way until it comes to y^e Causey and through or over y^e Causey twenty feet wide the ditch being the westerly bounds for y^e Causey and then beginning on the South end of y^e Causey two poles wide until it comes to Nathaniel Meriam's Land with a tree marked at y^e end of y^e Causey so to the sand point on the South easterly side of y^e way then as the fence now stands to a stake near a young tree then through the corner of the Emprude's Land to a stake on y^e South side of the fence then turning by y^e fence two poles wide one pole wide upon Nathaniel Meriam's Land & the other pole wide upon John Tappet's Land until it comes to a little maple tree in y^e Tappet's fence and then two poles wide on y^e Meriam's Land near the stone wall to the Road leading from John Tappet's to Concord as y^e Road is now upon until it comes to the Land of William Hartwell to Thomas Woolley's Land two poles wide with marked trees on the South side of y^e way marked with the letter H the y^e way or Road through y^e Hartwell's Land is laid out two poles wide as all y^e Road is from y^e meeting house except the Causey then beginning at y^e line between Hartwell and Woolley through y^e Thomas Woolley's Land to the ditch two poles wide with trees marked on y^e East side of y^e way and from y^e ditch on pole and half wide by a line of marked trees until y^e Road comes to Daniel Chowers Land and through y^e Chowers Land by a line of marked trees and heaps of stones till it comes to the Land of Stephen Dancy and through the Land of y^e Dancy as the way is now to go to Lexington line beginning at Woolley's line to Lexington line with a stake or bar

1731/2

March the sixth ^{1731/2} at a Marail Town Meeting as a ^{the town} ~~ford~~ ^{except} the high way
or road in maner and forme as a ~~road~~ ^{that is} from the meeting house to
Stephen Saucers house and to the Loxton line John Talbot Town Clerk

^{putnam} March the 14th 1731/2 the select men mett thena road with ^{or kept so} ~~putnam~~ to survey the meeting house and to survey it ^{from the fourth}
nth day of March ~~1731/2~~ to the fourteenth day of March 1732/3
for fifteen shillings per year

November the 2^d 1731 the select men meet ^{at a} ~~at a~~ ^{town} ~~town~~ ^{after} ~~after~~ ^{went} ~~went~~ ^{and}
Laid out a way ^{beginning} ~~beginning~~ ^{at a} ~~at a~~ ^{take} ~~take ^{and} ~~and ^{turns} ~~turns ^{at} ~~at ^{zachariah} ~~zachariah ^{starnes} ~~starnes ^{bars} ~~bars~~
through Daniel Saucers land and through the land of ^{the} ~~the ^{turns} ~~turns ^{by} ~~by ^a ~~a ^{line} ~~line ^{of} ~~of
marked trees to the land of Samuel Pitcher the ^{way} ~~way~~ ^{is} ~~is ^{land} ~~land ^{one} ~~one ^{road} ~~road~~
and half wide with gates or bars the marks are on the west side of ^{the} ~~the ^{way} ~~way~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

March the sixth 1731/2 at a general town meeting ^{legally} ~~legally~~ ^{where} ~~where
it was perpeunded whether the town would ^{except} ~~except~~ ^{of} ~~of ^{the} ~~the ^{way} ~~way ^{as} ~~as ^{the} ~~the ^{select} ~~select
men have laid out ^{the} ~~the ^{way} ~~way and it was put to vote and the vote was ⁱⁿ ~~in ^{affirmation} ~~affirmation
~~affirmation~~ John Talbot Town Clerk~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

1731/2

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November the 29: 1731/2 The select men meet and agreed to lay out a high ~~way~~ or a road through Benjamin ~~Smiths~~ ~~land~~ to ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~Benjamin~~ ~~Smiths~~ ~~land~~ ~~marked~~ ~~white~~ ~~oaks~~ ~~on~~ ~~the~~ ~~North~~ ~~side~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~road~~ ~~marked~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~letter~~ ~~H~~ ~~and~~ ~~so~~ ~~through~~ ~~Jo: Daniels~~ ~~land~~ ~~until~~ ~~it~~ ~~comes~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~land~~ ~~of~~ ~~Joseph~~ ~~Pitcher~~ ~~so~~ ~~through~~ ~~Jo: Pitcher~~ ~~house~~ ~~or~~ ~~the~~ ~~Country~~ ~~road~~ ~~a~~ ~~line~~ ~~to~~ ~~Jo: Pitcher~~ ~~house~~ ~~this~~ ~~road~~ ~~is~~ ~~three~~ ~~rod~~ ~~wide~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~low~~ ~~way~~ ~~with~~ ~~or~~ ~~bars~~

MARCH the sixth at a general town meeting legally warned and held on Jo: Smith day of march 1731/2 the way was put under who ther the town should except of Jo way as the select men have laid Jo way out and the vote was on the Affirmative
John Tappin Town Clerk

November the 29: 1731/2 the select men meet & agreed to lay out a road leading or beginning at the Country Road leading from Concord to Billericka beginning at a white oak tree near Joseph Pitcher house & through Pitcher's land on his southerly line to Jo: Daniel's swamp so through Jo: Daniel's swamp until Jo: way comes to Jo: land of Daniel Daniels so on through Jo: Daniels land until it comes to Stake & Stones in Jacob's stream's fence it is: now a straight line. From Pitcher's land & Jo: through Jo: Daniels land by Thomas' line until it comes to the land of William Braithwell and so on by Jo: Hartwell's fence to a stake and stones by Jo: Hartwell's bars and so through Jo: Hartwell's improved land by a line of heaps of stones and so on the south of Jo: Hartwell's house to Jo: land of Daniel Daniels and all these marks or boundaries on the North side of the way & so through Daniel Daniels's land the way is now trodden to the house of Elder Daniel Daniels and through Jo: land of Jo: Daniel as the way is now trodden until Jo: way comes to the land of David Tappin this way is laid out one pole and half wide from beginning of way to the end of Jo: way and gates or bars a low

at a general town meeting legally warned as a town & held on the sixth day of march 1731/2 it was propounded whether the town would except this way as the select men have laid it out it was put to vote and the vote was on the Affirmative
John Tappin Town Clerk

3 May the 27th 1732 the select men meet and appointed a town meeting to be held on the 6th day of June 1732
The first Article was to know the minds of the people whether the town would Chuse a Committee to Joyn with a Committee that Billerica had Chosen to Joyn with a Committee that Bedford should Chuse —
Secondly whether the town will grant the Request of J^r Bowes that whether the town will Change as much Land lying on the southerly side of the meeting house for as much of his land lying on the north side a Cross the lot that J^r Bowes bought of Joseph Dean —
and thirdly whether the town will Except of the high way or road leading from the meeting house to the moriments be gining at a stake near a white oak stump in John Fassetts Land so through J^r Fassetts Land and through Joseph Bacons Land untill it comes to William Hartwells farm on the north side of N^r Bacons house one rod and halfe wide that marker and on the south side of N^r way
and fourthly to know whether the town will grant the desire of John Moritt to whett in dismising him of J^r settlement of Mr Bowes that value and the last tax for payment for the meeting house to Joseph Smith

June the sixth of 1732 at a general town meeting Legally warned the town meet as above J^r proposed and Chose John Fassetts and John Land as a Committee and so proposed on the articles as above J^r and Chose Jonathan Bacon as a Committee to Joyn with a Committee which Billerica hath Chosen to run and settle and Establish the bounds between Billerica and Bedford and hath given the J^r Committee power to Joyn and Establish with Billerica Committee in marking and making monuments between the towns

2 It was propounded whether the town would grant the desire of the Town Mr Bowes to Change as much Land which him lying on the southerly side of the meeting house for as much Land lying on the north side and a Cross the lot that J^r Bowes bought of Joseph Dean and the Road way on the a fairmidge
3 whether the town will Except of the high way or road as the select men hath laid out be gining at the high way leading from the meeting house to the moriments be gining at a stake near a white oak stump in John Fassetts Land and through J^r Fassetts Land and through Joseph Bacons Land untill it comes to William Hartwells farm on the north side of J^r Bacons house and N^r way is a road one pole wide with gates or bars on the south side after June 1st 1732 a Road was past to the north way to the next march annual town meeting for further firmation

1732
on the 28th of March

at the town meeting ^{September 1732} it was proposed who then the
town would allow and dismiss John more of mr. more's other
mont and his tax being the last rate due to Joseph Titch Con
cerning the meeting house and y^e road was on the Agenda

September the 11th y^e select men met and appointed a town meeting
to be held on the 18th day of September instant 1732

first The first article to know the minds of the town whether they
would lay a highway or road 2^d pool wide a Groas & North end
of y^e land that the Rowland m^r Bower bought of Joseph Dean a joining
to the way that now is so as to make the way 2 pools wider granting
mr Bower as much land as the way takes up on the southerly side of
the meeting house a joining to his own land & if the town will then
to take sum^e money to a Comp^o of y^e matter to Eff^t by: Impowering
a Committee to manage the same

second Whether the town will raise a tax to make and main tain
high ways or roads and how much
third Whether y^e town will raise money to defray town Charges
and how much

fourth Whether y^e town will pass a vote to put the pow^r of owning
in the meeting house upon Rector as y^e Committee told it out to the
men that Excep^ted and voted the same

to know whether the town will Chuse a Committee to put the
meetinghouse and if so the town to give them rules for the same

to know whether the town will grant y^e Doctor of John more in dis
missing him of y^e last rate or tax of y^e meeting house and mr Bowers
other mont

The Constables made a due return of their warrants and their doings
there in was Excep^ted

The town met at the meeting house on y^e 18th 1732 the time and
place appointed for meeting and Chose John Land moderator and then
proceeded on y^e work of the day as a bout mentioned

first And the first article was put to vote which was to know the minds
of y^e town whether they would lay a highway or road 2^d pool
wide a Groas the north end of y^e land that y^e Rowland m^r Bower bought
of Joseph Dean a joining to the way that now is so as to make y^e
way 2 pools wider Granting mr Bower as much land as y^e way takes up
on a southerly side of y^e meeting house a joining to his own land and
if the town will then to take sum^e money to a Comp^o of Matter to Eff^t
by impowering a Committee to manage the same and the vote went on
with a firmation and then proceed and Chose a Committee of three men
Saml^r Moriam John Tassot Samuel Titch to act in y^e affair
as a fore^e so

second Whether the town will raise a tax to make and maintain high way
or roads and how much and this sanction was put to vote & y^e vo
was on the affirmative & voted to raise the sum of fifty pounds

On the first Day of January 1732/3 21
At a general town meeting legally warned as appeared by y^e Constables
Return and Excepted by the town the town proceeded on the work of
the Day and Chos day Nathaniel Meriam moderator
The first article of agreement for the work of y^e Day was to ^{know} whether y^e town
would ^{but} a pound and y^e article was put to vote and y^e vote was on the
affirmative that they would but one then it was propounded how much
money y^e town will grant to build the same and y^e town voted seven
pounds then after some discourse it was agreed to chuse a Committee
to manage that affair and agreed to chuse three men for the same
service & accordingly Schoa De Bruiel put upon At Robt Lund Daniel
Chous and the town voted to leave the Bigness of the pound
to y^e Discretion of the Committee

Whether the town will have a school kept this present year
and it was put to vote and the vote went on the affirmative then
it was propounded how much the town would grant to maintain
the school and y^e town granted five pounds ~~for the year~~ for this present
year
to the minds of the town whether the town will Add Any
money to the fifteen pounds granted on the Eighteenth day of
September 1732: and it was put to vote & y^e town voted
seven pounds to be added to the fifteen pounds to pay town Debt

February y^e 22 Day 1732/3 the select men met and gave out sundry orders
into several men which y^e town ought for service done for the town
to whole amounting to the sum of twenty and one pounds seven shillings
& eight pence and this money is ordered out of the town granted for to pay
these charges on y^e 18th day of September 1732 and on the first day of January

John Danico and Daniel Chous met Joseph Fasset and Nathaniel Wash-
burn promulgated and renewed the bounds between Exenton and Exenton
y^e towns joined to gather this done April y^e 17 day 1732 by order of the select
men of Exenton and y^e select men of Exenton and the select men of Exenton
excepted the return of J^r Danico and Chous

Nathaniel Paige & Joseph Fasset met Mr. Elmore, John & Benjamin Gorton in
Exenton and agreed to renew the mark between Exenton and Exenton
beginning from William Tomson's land and ending at the great heap
Nathaniel Bacon's Callow Exenton & Exenton on April
the 19th 1732 the 19th day 1732

Bedford January the 11th 1732 '33

Then Joseph Fitch Receiver with the comettey
 of the Asslting hows that is Nathanel Meriam and
 John Fasset and Nathanel Paige then Received in
 full the sum of four hundre and sixty pounds
~~I say received Joseph Fi~~
 I say Received by me undertaker of the Metinghouse
 Joseph Fitch

At a general Town meeting Leadees name is open
 in the Constables Return an' excepte one March the 5th
 1732/3 an' then prosee one the work of the
 Nathanel Meriam undertaker an' then the Town prosee an'
 Elias Town officers for the year insuing
 Samuel Titch Town Clerk
 Samuel Fitch
 Joseph Fasset 2 } select men
 Nathanel Meriam }
 Daniel Palmer }
 Daniel Palmer }
 Isaac Hartwell }
 Joseph Titch }
 William G. }
 Thomas }
 Jacob }
 Consables sworn
 the first underscored name is of William G. }
 a second consable Jacob Kernal }
 Consables sworn
 it was proposede whether the Town would chuse assessors select
 from the select men an' the vote was on the negative
 at a general Town meeting it was put to vote whether the Town
 will firm the way leading from Fasset's land an' Bacons land
 as is in the Town Book se page 18
 December the 14th the 1730 the selectmen met and laied out a
 way on road and half mile beginning at the way aforesaid throu
 the Hartwells land to Joann Sterners land on road and a half mile
 the markes all being on the southerly side of said way the way is
 now with gates or bars at as meeting a bone s
 it was put to a vote and past on the affirmative
 Samuel Fitch
 Town Clerk

1730 All meeting

1732/3

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the selectmen mett and then agreed with De. Israel Putnam to sweep the meeting house and keepe it clean and to take of it from the fourteenth day of March 1732/3 to the fourteenth day of March 1733/4 for sixteen Shillings per year

The committee that was chosen by the Town at a Town meeting on the 18th day of September 1732. De. Samuel Meriam and Tasset Samuel Fitch to exchange some of the Towns land with Mr Bowers met and accomplished said business on the 31st day of March 1733 the Learned Mr Bowers being present with them and consented thereto

Self for may the ~~1733~~ 1733 the select men meet at a winter a Town meeting to be held on the 24th day of May instant at one o'clock in the afternoon

- The first article is a vote on for the worke of the day is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose one resident to serve this present year ~~to serve the present year and it was put to a vote and it went in the negative~~
- 1 by it is to know the minds of the Town how much the Town will allow a man and his team per day for work at the high ways
- 2 by to know the minds of the Town what price they will set on a cord of wood for Mr Bowers wood Reat
- 4 by to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant the petitioners the hind seat in the front gallery thron men and women with balern
- 5 by to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant Joseph Deans Request he humbely intreats of the Town that they would give him his Right in the pew ground according to what he has done as others have in the Town
- 6 by to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant Obed Abboot Request as to grant him the pew and the mens Stairs

24 Bedford May the 24th 1753

At a general Town meeting legally warned as appears by the Constables Return and excepted by the Town and the Town proceeded on the work of the day

The Town did not chous a Representative this year and the chous Deac Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

1st Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will go on according to the former voot that was past at a Town meeting September the 20 1751 for the price of work for a man and his learn and it was put to voot and went on the affirmative

2nd Article is to know the minds of the Town what price they will set on a cord of wood in Mr Howes wood heat the price is set at six shilings a cord to be deliured at his hous in Bedford and it is to go at 5^pris this year and nere year and it was put to voot and it went on the affirmative

3rd Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant the young men the hind seat in the front galery and it was put to voot and it past in the negative

4th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant Mr Joseph Deans Request as to giue him his Right in the pew ground according to what he has dun as others have in the Town and it was put to voot and it past in the negative

5th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant Obd Abboot the pew under the mens Stairs and it was put to voot and it past in the negative

Be

Bedford September the 24 1753 the Selectmen meet and appoint a Town meeting to be hold on Monday the first of October 1753

1st The first article was to know the minds of the Town whether they will chous a Town Treasurer

2nd To know the minds of the Town whether they will chous a Moderator of high ways

3rd To know the minds of the Town whether they will dispose of that new pew that the Town built next the pulpit Stairs

4th To know the minds of the Town how they will dispose of the Book that the Town bought

5th To know the minds of the Town whether they will grant Mr Jonathan Bacon Junr Request as to free him of his wood heat

Bedford October the first 1753

At a General Town meeting legally warned - the return of the return of the Constables Return of their warrants and excepted on the Town meet and proceeded on the work of the day and chous H 1st Lm Moderator

the first proposal was to see the minds of the Town whether they
 would choose a Town Treasurer and it was put to vote and it went in the
 Affirmative and they chose Capt John Lane Town Treasurer
 the second way to see the minds of the Town whether they would choose a Serjeant of
 the Highway and it was put to vote and it went in the Affirmative
 and they chose Cornet Nathaniel Prince Serjeant of the Highway
 the third way to see the minds of the Town how they would dispose of the piece that
 the Town built next the pulpit stayers
 and it was proposed to the Town whether it should be a ministerial piece
 and it was put to vote and it went in the Affirmative
 the fourth way to see the minds of the Town how they would dispose of the
 Law Book that the Town bought and it was proposed that the Select
 Men should dispose of it to the parts of the Town according to their
 discretion and it was put to vote and it went in the Affirmative
 the fifth way to see the minds of the Town how they would dispose of the
 Request was as to free him of his Highway
 Kent was put to vote and it went in the Negative
 the Treasurer and Serjeant of Highway were sworn in the day before last to their
 respective offices

Before October 8 1733 the Rates were made by the Assessor

The Province Tax twenty pound thirteen shillings and nine pence

Mr Jacob Kendal is to collect of the Province Tax ten pound ten shillings and nine pence

Mr Richard Wheler is to collect of the said Tax ten pound five shillings and seven pence

Mr Jacob Kendal is to pay of the said Tax ten pound five shillings and seven pence

Mr Richard Wheler is to pay of the said Tax ten pound five shillings and seven pence

The County Tax for Mr Jacob Kendal to collect is three pound eight shillings and four pence

Mr Richard Wheler is to collect of the said Tax three pound eight shillings and ten pence

Ministers Salary Rent and wood Rent November 1733

Mr Jacob Kendal is to collect of the Ministers Salary fifty pound seven shillings and a penny

Mr Richard Wheler is to collect of the said Tax fifty pound eight shillings and eight pence

Mr Jacob Kendal is to pay of the said Tax fifty pound

Mr Richard Wheler is to pay of the said Tax fifty pound

Mr Jacob Kendal wood Rent to collect is eight pound three shillings

Mr Richard Whelors wood Rent to collect is seven pound eleven shillings

The school Rent that was made by the Assessors 1733

Mr Jacob Kendal is to collect of the school Rent five pound ten shillings and seven pence

Mr Richard Wheler is to collect of the said Tax five pound eight shillings and six pence

Mr Jacob Kendal is to pay of the said Tax five pound ten shillings and seven pence

Bedford December the first 1733

Taken up and strayed by Benjamin Colburn of Bedford two heifers
one of them is Red with a pece cut out of the under side of the offe
ear and branded one the offe horn and the brand is not known judges
to be coming three years old and the other heifer is black with a white
list upon her back and a star in her forehead and a pece cut out of the
under side of her offe ear judge to be coming two years old

Bedford December the 3rd 1736

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Taken up and strayed by Benjamin Colburn of Bedford a red steer
with a white list on his back and a pece of his near ear cut off
and a notch under the said ear judge to be coming Two years
old: and there appeared another

Bedford December the 21st 1737

Taken up and strayed by Joseph Meads of Bedford a black
heifer with a white list in her ear supposed to be coming
Two years old and appraised at 2-15-0

Bedford November the 2nd 1738

Taken up and strayed by Jonathan Woolley of Bedford
one brown cow supposed to be eight years old branded
S P on the near horn and the near ear cropt and a pece
cut off the under side of the same having some white
under her belly apprais at eight pounds

8-0-0

Also a branded heifer supposed to be coming four or five
years old branded S P in two places on the near horn
having a white face and tail and some white on
her back and under her belly apprais at

8-10-

Also a brown steer supposed to be coming four or five
years old with a white face and some white on his
back and a white tail and belly marked with a star
in the top of the off ear with cropt horns and a star
in the under side of the near ear apprais at 9-0-

9-0-

Taken and strayed by John Kasset of Bedford a brindled steer
coming in two years old the top of the off ear cut
off and a slit in the top of the near ear with
a white list on his back and white under his belly
and both his thighs white prised at three pounds 3-0-0

Bedford December the first 1739

Bedford November the 30 1733

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the select men meet and appointed a town meeting to be held on the seventh day of December next in suing

- first Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will have a school kept this year insuing and in what method they will go on in keeping of the same if the Town will have a school
- 2^d Article is to know the minds of the Town how much money they will grant to support the said school
- 3^d Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a town heat to defray Town charges and if they will then to know how much they will grant
- 4th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant liberty to the Learned Mr Nicholas Bowes and Capt Joseph Fasset and to Deac Israel Putnam and to Lt Paul Raymond to move the two hindmost seats in the meeting house betwixt the men sd and on the women side into the gallery and build an other place where the sd seats stand

Bedford December the 7th 1733

at a General Town meeting legally warned as aforesaid by the return of Constables warrant and Excepted and the Town meet as above said and proceeded on the work of the day a choice of a ~~moderator~~ Mr John Fasset moderator

- first preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they will keep a school this present year in suing and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 2^d preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they would keep the school in the center of the Town and it was put to vote and it was Negative
- 3^d preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they would have a meeting school and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 4th preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to settle the school and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 5th preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they would have four men for a committee to take care of the school to move it at their discretion for the year in suing and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 6th preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they will leave it with the committee to provide a school master and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 7th preposat was to know the minds of the Town how much money they will grant and the granted ten pounds to maintain the same and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
- 8th preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a town heat to defray Town charges and it was put to vote and it past in the Negative
- 9th preposat was to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant the request of the Learned Mr Nicholas Bowes and Capt Joseph Fasset and Deac Israel Putnam and Lt Paul Raymond the seats aforesaid for places and it was put to vote and it was Negative

Belford January the 15th 1733/4

The selectmen meet and appointed a Town meeting to be held on the 22nd day of January instant at one of the clock in the afternoon

1st Artickel was to hear the account of the Towns debts and Credit
2nd Artickel was to see what money the Town will grant to pay Town charges

3rd Artickel was to know the minds of the Town whether they will disallow of the way throw the Hartwells land from Joseph Bacons to John Sterns land which the Town excepted

Belford January the 22nd 1733/4

at a Genral Town meeting legally warned by the return of our Constables warrants and Excepted and the Town meet and proceeded on the work of the day and choos Lt Job Lan moderator
the preposal was to hear the accounts of the Towns Depts and they acted nothing upon it

2nd preposal was to see what money the Town would grant and it was put to vote and it past on the negative

3rd preposal was to see the minds of the Town whether they will disallow of the way that was layed out thorow Hartwells land and was excepted of at the annual meeting at last march

and it was put to vote to see if the Town would disallow of the said way and it past in the Affermative

Belford February the 5th 1733/4

I the subscriber do promises to make my son Joseph Fitch satisfaction for two poles across the end of land at the end of his lot situate on Seder Swamp on Mr Nathaniel Balls Samuel Fitch

I the subscriber do promises to give two poles wide of land across the end of lots belonging to Seder Swamp to let Hugh Brookes and Mr Nathaniel Ball of concord In case I not oblig'd to pay any thing to the purches of any wages in the town and if it be then the Town is oblig'd to pay me sevenyen Guineas and some pence in satisfaction for the said land except the wood 17-6-0-17-6-0 Joseph Dean

I the subscriber do promises to make my son Ephraim Davies full satisfaction for two poles of land across the end of his lot situate on Seder Swamp so far as it goys upon let Brookes and Mr Nathaniel Ball Daniel Davies

February 9th 1733/4

We the subscribers do release the above sd land namely Fitch and Dean and Davies for recompence and full satisfaction for the way throw the Seder Swamp from Joseph Fitchs to Daniel Davies as far as the land will extend

Hugh Brookes
Nathaniel Ball

Berford February the 22 1733/4

- the selectmen meet and appointed a town meeting to be held on the 4th day of march next ensuing at nine a clock in the forenoon
- art^h is to chouse Town Officers for the year in suing
- art^h is to know the minds of the Town whether they let the swine run at large the year ensuing
- art^h is to know the minds of of the Town whether they will except of the high way that the selectmen have out from Oakes farm to the burning place and as farr as said way goes on Isaac Putnam's land to give him in exchange for it the Rance way on the easterly Sid of S. Putnam's land
- art^h is to know the minds of the Town whether they will give the Rance Bowers the road leading to the burning place in exchange for two Rods wide on the westerly Side of that land that he lately bought of Israel Putnam
- art^h is to know the minds of town whether they will chouse a Committee to see how the money that has been given to raise for the Town and how it has been layed out and to make Report of their doings at the may meeting next
- art^h is to know the minds of the Town whether they will allow Joseph French any thing for the trouble many times being sick at his house nine weekes or wanting one day
- art^h is to know the minds of the Town whether they will except of the way that was layed out from Benjamin Riders to Eugin James Lanes that was refered at a town meeting September the 22 1731
- art^h is to know the minds of the Town whether they will be pleased to smelt the one half of John Sternes Reates that are now behind

Berford March the 4 1733/4

at a general Town meeting legally warned by the return of our Constables warrants and accepted and the town meet and were done more day and choas Let Job Lane Moderator and the following were

Samuel Fitch Town Clerk

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Samuel Fitch	select men	Samuel Meriam	time
Let Job Lane		Christopher Paige	time
Dea Nathaniel Meriam			
Ober Abbott	constables	Let Paul Raymond	time
John Meriam		Benjamin Rider	time
		De Israel Putnam	
Capt John Lane	Treasur		
Stephen Daves	survivors	Eleazar Daves	hogref
Mr Daniel Daves	sworn	John Paige	
James Lane			
Francis Wilson			

The swine are to go at large this year in suing

and on by Mr. Hones land in the said way is on the said Putnam's land till it comes to the burning place and so on by the burning place on said Putnam's land one road on till it comes by the burning place this way is one road one half mile and is flowered with gates or bars

this high way was excepted of by the town at a general town meeting held on march the 4th 1733/4

Berford December the 10th 1731

The select men of Berford meet and lay out from Mr. Benjamin Riders to Ensign James Lanes and it begins at ~~the~~ a ^{birch} tree that is by the way that leads from Joseph Fitches to the meeting house and from the birch afore s^d to a whit oak marked and so on to a black oak marked near the line between Putnam and Fitch and so on by the line Putnam to a whit oak marked with the letter H and so on to a litel walnut tree marked and so on to a stake and stone at the old road by Ensign James Lanes fence all thes marks are on the easterly side of the said way

this high way was excepted of by the town at a general town meeting held on march the 4th 1733/4

Berford march the 8th 1733/4

the selectmen of Berford meet and lay out a way from the center road near to James Wheelers house to John Sternes land and hartwells land and this way begins at a stake and stone near to James Wheelers house and so on to black oak tree marked with the letter H and so on to a whit oak tree marked with letter H and so on to a crossing on ditch and so on to black oak tree marked and so on to a road in the glen and then it turns ~~est~~ easterly to an old ditch and so by the said ditch to the caseway and all thes marks are ~~the~~ on the easterly side of the way and this way is to be a road and half wide with gates or bars and so over the casey after said to John Sternes land and hartwest land and this way is one road and over the s^d casey over Elm brook meadow of James Wheelers give the said land for a way as witness my hand

Bedford May the 8th 1734

the Selectmen meet and a printed a town meeting to be
 did on the 8th day of May at the meeting house
 at one of the clock in the afternoon

1st Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will send
 a Representative this present year

2^d Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will
 choose a committee to answer the petition that is
 continued to Cambridge Court on the 22^d day of May instant

3^d Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will grant
 any money to defray town charges and if they will then how
 much

4th Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will grant
 a High way Rate for this present year

5th Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will finish
 the road going to the meeting house in ~~the~~ if they will then to see
 the minds of the town whether they will choose a committee to let & save
 whether they will take some other way to finish the same

6th Artickell is to know the minds of the town what they will do with the
 same town bond that Joseph Pitts gave to the Committee

7th Artickell is to know the minds of the town whether they will accept of
 a new law that the selectmen have out on the 8th day vizt
 that the town shall have a green land and the same shall be
 the land

Bedford May the 14th 1734

At a general town meeting legally warned in the evening of the
 14th day of May 1734 at the town meeting and proceeding
 work of the town and chose the following

1st Artickell is to see whether they will send a Representative
 this year or not it was put to vote and it past on the affirmative and

2^d Artickell is to see the minds of the town whether they will choose a committee
 to answer the petition and it was put to vote and it past on the affirmative

3^d Artickell is to see whether they will grant any money to defray town charges
 and it was put to vote and it past on the affirmative

4th Artickell is to see whether they will grant a High way Rate for this present year
 and it was put to vote and it past on the affirmative

5th Artickell is to see the minds of the town how much money they will
 grant to pay their town charges and it was proposed to be

Twenty eight so thirty pound and it was put to vote and it past
 on the affirmative

6th Artickell is to see how much money they will grant for a
 new Kent and it was proposed to be forty pound and it was put to vote and it past
 on the affirmative

7th Artickell is to see whether they will accept of a new law that the town shall have a green land and the same shall be the land

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Beſon June the 6th 1737 & John Kennerly beſon
 the ſaid heat is thirty one p^{er} cent twelve ſhillings three pence
 Mr Obed Abbott conſtable is to collect of ſaid heat 10 s
 Mr John Meriam conſtable is to collect of ſaid heat 15 s
 the ſaid ſum this year is forty p^{er} cent ſixteen ſhillings
 Mr Abbott is to collect of the ſaid ſum 21 s
 John Meriam is to collect of the ſaid ſum 19 s
 the counties tax this year is thirteen p^{er} cent ſixteen ſhillings
 Mr Abbott is to collect of the ſaid tax 7 s
 John Meriam is to collect of the ſaid tax 6 s
 Mr Bowes ſalary is a hundred p^{er} cent in the ſaid year 10 s
 Obed Abbott is to collect of Mr Bowes ſalary 5 s
 John Meriam is to collect of the ſaid tax 4 s
 Mr Abbott is to collect of Mr Bowes ſalary 4 s
 John Meriam is to collect of the ſaid tax 3 s
 Mr Bowes ſalary this year is ſeven p^{er} cent ſixteen ſhillings
 the ſaid ſum this year is eleven p^{er} cent nine ſhillings
 Mr Abbott is to collect of the ſaid heat ſixteen ſhillings
 and ſixteen ſhillings and nine pence
 John Meriam is to collect of the ſaid heat ſixteen ſhillings
 and nine pence

Bedford September the 17th 1734

The selectmen meet and a pointed a town meeting to be
held on the 25th day of September ~~at the meeting house at one~~^{at the school in the morning}
of the clock in the after noon

- 1st Ar^o is to the minds of the town whether they will have a school this
present year in sumer or if town will have a school then to
see what order the town will go on in keeping the school
2nd To see know the minds of the town what provision they will be made
to make to the salary of the school or whether they will be made
now in consideration that the bills of credit have sunk in their value
since his settlement with us in the work of the minister
3rd To know the minds of the town whether they will pay any money
to make Mr William Hartwell Esq^r remain to the way from
the meeting house to Mr S Hartwells farm

- 4th To know the minds of the town whether they will pay any money
to defray town charges and if they will then how much they will grant

Bedford the September the 25 1734

- 1st A general town meeting being called according to the summons
of our constables warrants and quere to on the town meet and passed
on the work of the day an choice of a Samuel Curdum moderator
2nd It was proposed to the town whether they will have a school this present
year and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
3rd It was proposed to the town whether they will have the school kept as
in the year the centre of the town as can be with convenience and it was
put to vote and it past in the Affermative

- 4th A proposal to see the minds of the town whether they would have a
congratulation ^{to gettel a school} and it was put to vote and it past in the Affermative
5th It was left with the selectmen to order the school

- 6th It was proposed to see the minds of the town whether they will pay any
addition to the school salary this present year and it was put to vote and
past on the Affermative

- 7th A proposal to the town to see if they would pay any money to Mr. Souters
salary by a contrubution by reason that the money in it ~~into~~^{into} sink
in value and it was put to vote and past in the Affermative

- 8th It was proposed to the town to see if they would have some contrubution
this present year and it was put to vote and past on the Affermative

- 9th It was proposed to the town whether they would leave it with the
selectmen to order and set the time when the contrubution shall be
due it was put to vote and past on the Affermative

- 10th A proposal to see the minds of the town to see if they will grant ten pounds
any money and it was put to vote and past on the Affermative

- 11th It was proposed to the town whether they will grant ten pounds and it was put to
vote and past on the Affermative

Bedford October the 18th 1734

A record of the pews in the meeting house in Bedford
by order of the committee will Hartwell step Daines
Dea Great Putnam with the advice of the Selectmen a record
of the pews as the committee loted them out in the meeting house
in Bedford

1st Dea Nathaniel Merriams pew is at the east ^{end} ^{next} the pulpit
in the meeting house at the north side
the second pew is ~~Mr~~ William Hart well at the east end of the
Dea Nathaniel Merriams pew in the north side of the meeting house
Dea John Dassels pew is at the west ^{end} ^{of} the door
the window in the meeting house
Thomas Woolleys pew is in the front on the west side of the
great door ^{the 2^d from the great door} in the meeting house
Nathaniel Daines pew is on the front on the east side of
the great door in the meeting house
James Daines pew is the 2^d pew from the great door in the
front adjoining to Nathaniel Daines pew

Bedford December the 6th 1734

A record of the pews by order of the committee William Hartwell
Stephen Daines Dea Great Putnam

Joseph Bacons pew is at the next corner of the meeting house
adjoining to William Hartwells pew
Josiah Bacons pew is at the east end of the meeting house adjoining
to Joseph Bacons pew
Daniel Daines pew is at the east end of the meeting house adjoining to
Josiah Bacons pew north of the east door
Stephen Daines pew is at the east end of the meeting house south
of the east door adjoining to the womens stage
Hob Limes pew is on the north side of the meeting house adjoining
adjoining to the ministers pew
Sebastian Colburns pew is at the west end of the meeting house in the
south of the west door adjoining to the mens stage
Capt John Limes pew is on the south side of the meeting house west
from the south door adjoining to Thomas Woolleys pew

Bedford December the 26th 1734

of the subscriber in presence of the Selectmen being told that you could
not find me by the committee that loted out the pews in the meeting house
that for me he is the best coming of the meeting house

25)	settled	1776	
The Inverle Estate of William Pelham Esq. at 24 and 25			
in the list next the amount of the bill is £			16-4-7
30 Pork & Butter & one cow and hogs fat and some ash			7 7 7 2
hogs fat			7-11-
To Jonas Bowman to the improvement of fullham place year			3-13-4
To Jonas Bowman to pork 4 1/4 wadul 3/4 salt 1/6 wad 1/4 rail 1/2			11 - 0
To Jonas Bowman to pork 4 1/4 wadul 3/4 salt 1/6 wad 1/4 rail 1/2			28-4-8
Sent to Hannah Kempt one black fawn one blue gutted petticoat			2-2-0
And a bunnet one fan one black silk ribbon			27-15-0
To Jonas Bowman to the improvement of fullham place year			13-11-2
To Jonas Bowman to the improvement of fullham place year			3-1-4
To Jonas Bowman to the improvement of fullham place year			4-16-2
May 1776 William Pelham changed for his support &			6-18-0
wife's funeral charge and nursing and doctoring			5-14-2
To Doctor Kutterige			1-6-8
To Kater to John Lane 4/ to on pair shoes of Surpurgs			18-
To Chris. paggins a journey for Doctor Kutterige			0-5-0
To a coffin & sundry things found at the funeral of Mr			
Pelham and several debts that he owed for wood &c			2-3-1
May 28. 1776 Mr Jonas Bowman for Digging grave 2/8 and			2-
carrying goods to John webbers 1/6			4-2
28 William Pelham went to Bord with Mr Bowman			7-7-4
Twenty Eight weeks at 5/4 per week			
March 10 To Fourteen weeks at 6/8 per week			4-13-4
March 21 To Nine weeks at 6/8 per week			2-14-
1777 John webber paid for a pair leather Breeches 10/			10-0
To making two shirts & one pair yarn stockings 4/			6-0
To making fullham a gabbit finding third			3-0
To Bord fullham from 13 May to 30 th of May last			9-6
May 31 Mr Bowman Bord fullham 13 weeks at 6/			3-18-
4 weeks to 26 Septem at 11/ per week			2-4-
and 11 weeks at 12/ to 12 Day of Decr 1777			6-12-
To wood & the rest of wood to Mr pelham			3-11-
June 4 8th 1778			
Then began with Mr Jonas Bowman for keeping 11 fullham			
from 12 Day of Decr 1777 this time weeks to 4. 13 Day March 1778			7-16-0
8 From the 13th of March to 12 Day of June 13 weeks at 18/ per week			11-14-0
To Mr Bowman for carrying wood to fullham			0-12-0
To Mr Bowman for carrying wood to fullham			11-14-0
From 9. 12 Day of June to 12 Day of Septem at 18/ per week			
To 12th Decr the 12 Day of Septem to 12 Day Decr 1777			15-12-0
12 weeks at 24/ per week			
To Bord fullham from 13 Decr 1777 to 12 Day of March 1778			19-10-0
To wood from 13 Decr 1777 to 12 Day of March 1778			3-0-0
To one load from webber 28/			1-8-0
To cart in London by William Pelham 24/			1-0-0
To cart in London by William Pelham 24/			1-4-0
To cart in London by William Pelham 24/			0-6-10
To cart in London by William Pelham 24/			1-8-0
To cart in London by William Pelham 24/			12-18-0

1734
Bedford November the first 1734

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- The selectmen meet and appointed a town meeting to be held on the 8th Day of November instant at one of the clock in the afternoon
- 1st Article is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will chouse a committee to look over the Towns accounts and see how the accounts stand and bring ther report at the next Town meeting
- 2^d Art^l is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will grant Dea Samuel Putnam the piece ground adjoining to Eps James Lanes piece next to the womens stagers in the meeting house
- 3^d Art^l is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will grant capt Josiah Fasset the piece ground in the west End of the meeting house north from the west door adjoining to John Fassetts piece
- 4th Art^l is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will grant Joseph Dean six foot in length in the two hind seats be low in Eps^s of the middle alley in the fore said meeting house
- 5th Art^l is to know the minds of the Town if they will grant Obe Abbott the piece ground adjoining to Thomas Woolleys piece next to the mens stagers in the meeting house
- 6th Art^l is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will chouse one man or more to go to charlstown court to her the return of the committee concerning William Hartwells house

Bedford November the 5th 1734

At a general Town meeting leaguely warned as a pers for the return of the Consist^{ts} warrants and Assente and the Town met and proceed on the Work of the day and chouse Dea Nathaniel Merlam Moderator

- 1st Article was to see the minds of the Town to see if they will chouse a committee to look over the Towns accounts and it was put to vote and it past on the Affirmative
- and it was proposed to the Town whether they would chouse a committee for a committee and it was put to vote and it past on the Affirmative
- proposall was to see if the Town would chouse the 5th committee for holding and it was put to vote and it past on the Affirmative Dea Samuel Putnam proposed that the 5th committee capt Josiah Fasset Frances Wilson are chouse a committee to manage the 5th affair
- this committee are to act according to what is in the warrant to look over the Towns accounts and make return at the next Town meeting
- 2^d was to see the minds of the Town if they will grant Dea Samuel Putnam the piece ground adjoining to Eps James Lanes piece next to the womens stagers in the meeting house and it was put to vote and it past on the Affirmative
- 3^d was to see the minds of the Town if they will grant capt Josiah Fasset the piece ground in the meeting house adjoining John Fassetts piece next to the west door it was put to vote and it past on the Affirmative

- 1st Mr. was to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant Joseph Deane a pue in the two hind seats in the meeting house either side of of the crate aler it was put to vote and past on the negative
- 5th Mr. was to see the minds of the Town to see of the Town if they will grant Coder Abbott the pue ground in the meeting house adjoining to Thomas Wollers pue next to the mens slayers and it was put to vote and it past on the negative
- 5th Mr. was to see the minds of the Town whether they would send one man or more to go to Charistown court to see the return of the Committee concerning ~~not~~ William Hartwells. Koad and Deane Nathaniel Merriam was choas to manage that affair.

Before December the 26th 1734

- The selectmen meet and appointed a Town meeting to be held on the 3rd day of January 1734/5 at one of the clock in the afternoon
- 1st Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant any money to defray Town charges this present year
- 2nd Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to seat the m body of seats below and the gallery in the meeting house a committee to be chosen the Town shall give them
- 3rd Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will purchase a way that the way was layed out throu John Pesses farm and Joseph Harts farm so to Hartwells Farm on the neck of the S. Harts house the 5th way was agreed of at march meeting march 8th 1732/3
- 4th Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will agree to give with Joseph Harts about the way that was layed out the 2nd 1734.

Before January the 3rd 1734/5

- at a general Town meeting held on January 3rd 1734/5 at one of the clock in the afternoon of the Town was to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant any money to defray Town charges this present year
- 1st Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant any money to defray Town charges this present year
- 2nd Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to seat the m body of seats below and the gallery in the meeting house a committee to be chosen the Town shall give them
- 3rd Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will purchase a way that the way was layed out throu John Pesses farm and Joseph Harts farm so to Hartwells Farm on the neck of the S. Harts house the 5th way was agreed of at march meeting march 8th 1732/3
- 4th Mr. is to know the minds of the Town whether they will agree to give with Joseph Harts about the way that was layed out the 2nd 1734.

Artickel is to see the minds of the Town whether they will disallow of the
 the way before John Tassels and Joseph Bacons Lane on the north side
 of St. Bacons house to Martins. John is now put to down and put
 on the Alternative

Before February the 19 1754

The selectmen meet and appoint a town meeting for choosing town
 officers for the year ensuing to be had on the 5 day of March next ensuing
 at nine of the clock in the fore noon

1st is to choose town officers for the year ensuing
 2^d is to know the minds of the Town whether they will let the same deal large
 this present year ensuing

3^d is to know the minds of the Town whether they will accept of the mind that
 the selectmen have put before John Tassels and Joseph Bacons Lane
 beginning at the way that leads from the meeting house to the Mercurys
 the said way runs before St. Tassels and Bacons and be what St. Bacons house
 and back so on the north side in his own way and out on the
 half mile this way was laid out by the selectmen assembly 21st 1751

4th is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to seat
 the town of seats below and in the gallery in the meeting house

5th is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to meet
 with Billerica committee to settle the line between Billerica and Bedford

6th is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to look
 over the Towns accounts and see how it stands and bring in their Report
 at the next Town meeting

7th is to know the minds of the Town whether they will accept of what the
 Committee have done as to the loting out the Remainder of the pine
 ground in the meeting house

Before March the 3rd 1754

At a general town meeting legally warned by the return of our
 constables warrants and accepted for the choice of town officers for the year
 ensuing the Town meet and proceed in the work of the day in which
 we had Daniel Meriam Moderator from Framingham and a from Framingham

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Samuel Fitch town clerk | Stephen Lanes (selectmen) |
| Samuel Fitch (selectmen) | cor Nathaniel Page (of duty) |
| 4 nob Lane (men) | David Saylor (way) |
| Richard Wheeler | capt John Lane |
| Nathaniel Bacon (const) | Daniel Hammet (fence) |
| William Harnwel Dymol (serue) | John Page (newer) |
| capt John Lane (town treasurer) | Ephraim Fitch (logret) |
| John Harnwel (grazing) | Jacob Wilson |
| Nathaniel Page (men) | En James Lane (sealer of writs) |

At this officers are given a notice
 Samuel Fitch
 The Town past a vote to have but
 three selectmen this year

proposals is to see the minds of the Town whether they will let
the same go at large this present year and it was put to vote and
it past on the Affirmative

proposals is to know the minds of the Town whether they will accept
of the way that the selectmen laid out before the Fissers and Joseph
Bacon's lot beginning at the way that leads from the meeting house to
the merchants the said way runs before the Fissers and Bacon's lot
beginning house and barn and so on to the Harbors two ways was laid
out one road half wide this way was laid out by the selectmen

December the 21st 1734 and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
proposals is to know the minds of the Town whether they will have
a committee to seat the boys of seats to be laid in the gallery in the
meeting house and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative

in the Town chose a committee of three men to manage that affair
Capt. John Fisset and Francis Wilson and Obediah Smith
Committee are to seat the meeting house according to the Rules
all the Records in the Town Book and as to those persons that
have that have bought and made in to the Town and such as have
come to the years of twenty one be seated in the meeting house
according to the direction of the said committee

proposals is to know the minds of the Town whether they will have
a committee to meet with the Billings Committee to settle the line
between Billings and Bedford and it was put to vote and past on the
Affirmative

in the Town chose a committee of three men to manage that
after the death of Lane John Fisset Jonathan Bacon
proposals is to know the minds of the Town whether they will
have a committee to look over the Towns a committee to see how
it stands and bring in their Report at the next Town meeting
and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
and the Town chose three men to manage was after John Fisset
Putnam Samuel Fitch Francis Wilson

proposals is to know the minds of the Town whether they will
accept of what the committee have done as to loting the Remain
of the pue ground in the meeting house
and it was put to vote and was negative

Bedford December the 21st 1734

The Selectmen meet and laid out a Town way beginning
at the way leading from the meeting house to the merchants
beginning at a stake in John Fissets lot and so on to a whitest
marked with the letter H and so through Fissets land to Joseph

Bacons land and so throw S^d Bacons land a pin tree marked with the
 letter H and so on to a white oak stump marked with the letter H and so on to
 a stake marked so on to the south side of the S^d Bacons house and so by the
 north side of S^d Bacons barn and so on to William Hartwells and Daniel
 Hartwells. Now all these marks are on the south side of the S^d way and the
 S^d way is one rod and half wide

The S^d way was accepted at our annual meeting in March the 31st
 1734/5

the select Belford March the 14th 1734/5

The selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be held on the 20th
 day of March instant at one of the clock in the afternoon at the meeting house
 Article 1 is to know the minds of the town whether they will chouse Assessors
 for this present year insuing to take an estimate of the real and personal estate
 Article 2 is to chouse a constable for this present year insuing
 Article 3 is to chouse a surveyor for hemp and flax for this year insuing
 Article 4 is to know the minds of the town whether they will approve the committee that
 was choused at our March meeting to seat the meeting house to dispose of the new
 pine places that are not finished of the pine ground in the meeting house into more
 that they properly belong to according to what they have paid to the meeting house
 and if they refuse then to the next highest pay to have the offer of them

Belford March the 20th 1734/5

At a general town meeting legally warned is opens by the return
 of our const^{ble} warrants and accepted and the town met and proceed on the
 work of the day and chouse Dea Daniel Meriam moderator
 Article 1 was to see know the minds of the town whether they would chouse Assessors
 for this year insuing it was put to vote and past on the Afternoon
 and they proceed and chouse Samuel Fitch Samuel Meriam H Job Lane for Assessors
 Article 2 was to see the minds of the town whether they would chouse a surveyor
 for hemp and flax this present year it was put to vote and it past in the Afternoon
 and they proceed and chouse Dea Israel Putnam a Surveyor
 Article 3 was to see chouse a constable and they chouse Joseph Fitch for the
 2^d constable for this present year insuing

Article 4 the Town acted nothing upon it ~~it was put to vote and past on the Afternoon~~

~~Chouse~~ Belford March the 21st 1735

The selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be held on the 31st of
 March instant at three of the clock in the afternoon
 Article 1 is to know the minds of the town whether they will accept of a constable
 Joseph Fitchs room to serve for a constable and if not then to chouse a
 better man for a constable for this present year

Belford March the 31st 1735

At a general town meeting legally warned is opens by the return of our const^{ble}
 warrants and accepted and the town met and proceed on the work of the day

and choas Dea Isreal Putnam moderator
 and it was proposed to the Town whether they would accept of capt
 Josiah Jasset to serve as a constabel in Joseph Fitches room for this
 present year and it was put to vote and it past on the Negative
 and it was proposed to the Town whether they would accept of Richard Whelors
 to serve as a constabel in Josephs Fitches room for this present year
 and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative and said Whelors
 was sworn to the offices of a constabel at the sd meeting

At a meeting

At a meeting of the proprietors of the lower meadow in the tow of
 Bedford in New England near to or adjoining upon the Dutches Leagally
 vained and meet the February the 6: 1735 and having choas
 a moderator preside as follows proposed whether the proprietors
 will accept of the new high way of two Rods wide leading through
 Mr Richard Whelors and Mr David Taylors land from the corner country
 Road upon the westerly End of said Whelors house and also upon the
 westerly End of David Taylors house and Barri till it come in to the
 old high way leading down to said meadow which part of the old
 high way last mentioned is to continue for the use of the prop
 itors as it formerly is and the other part of the old high way
 which went upon the East of the said Whelors house said Whelors
 and Mr Taylor is to have in Exchange for the new way
 and it was Vote on Affirmative
 and accordingly Choas Mr Jacob Taylor and Mr Peter Harwood
 to get said high way Recorded: Bedford may 9 1735

Richard Whelors
 David Taylor

1735

- the select men meet and appointed a town meeting may at 12th 1735 to be
held on the 19th day of may at one of the clock in the afternoon
Article is to know the minds of the town whether they will send a keeper
essentive this year
Article is to know the minds of the town whether they will
grant a highway ^{feet} ~~new~~
Article is to know the minds of the town whether they will accept of what the committee has
done that was choas at a town meeting last march the 3^d day to look over
the towns accounts
Article is to know the minds of the town whether they will grant a town Beat
for this present year
Article is to know the minds of the town whether they will accept of what the
committee has done as to the setting the line between Billerica and Bedford so as
to put it upon Record
Joseph Bacon desires to know the minds of the town how much they will
allow him for the way that was layed throw his land December the 21st 1734
and accepted the 2^d day of last march
A general town meeting legally warned by the Return of our constables
warrants and Accepted and the town meet and proseed on the work of the day
it was proposed to the town to see if they would send a representative or their
not choas any
and they proseed on the work of the day and thus Joseph Layd was after
Article was to see the minds of the town whether they would grant a highway
Beat it was put to vote and it past on the Negative
Article to see the minds of the town whether they will accept of the account and
it was continued till the next town meeting
Article was to see the minds of the town to see if they would grant a town
beat and it was continued to the next town meeting
Article is to see the minds of the town whether they will accept of the line ~~that~~
between Billerica and Bedford as the committee agreed so as to put it upon
Record and it was put to vote and it past on the Affermittive
Article was to see the minds of the town whether they give Joseph Bacon
twenty pound for the way that was layed throw his land December
the 21st 1734 it was put to vote and past on the Affermittive

Aprille the 14: 1735

we the subscribers being A committee chosen and impowred by the Town of
Billerica and Bedford to state and settel the line between the said towns we be
gane at a litle Black oak tree and stons about it in woburn line then running
westwardly to a whit oak tree marked B B from thence to a pine tree marked
B B from thence to a stake and stons in Tomsons line then running upon
Tomsons line to a hepe of stons which is Stephens Richarsons corner
then turning and running in a straight line to a whit oak tree

marked W F B B then running westwardly in a straight line to
 Bacon's northwest corner which is a Rock and Stones then running in a
 straight line to Paiges north ~~west~~ East corner to a walnut tree
 and stones then running to Paiges northwest corner to a maple stub
 and stones about it then running in a straight line to Mathew
 Whippels nor west corner to a whit oake tree marked B B
 which tree stands by Concord River

The selectmen met the 5th day of October and appointed a town
 meeting to be held on the October the 12th day 1735 the Articles were as
 followeth the)

~~Before the meeting~~

first Article is to see if the Town whether they will accept of the account of
 the Towns money how it is expended that was continued at that last may
 meeting to this meeting

2^d Art is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a town Rent that
 was continued at the last may meeting to this meeting

3^d Art is to know the minds of the Town whether they will be pleased to make to
 the gallery of the ^{Railroad} ~~Railroad~~ the Bowes for this present year in ~~con~~ consid- acion
 that the Bills of credit have sunk in their value since his settlement with
 us in the work of the ministry

4th Art is to know the minds of the Town whether they will reconsider the want
 that was past at the last may meeting as to a high way rent

5th Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a high way Rent
 6th Art is to see the minds of the Town in what method the Town will go on in for a
 place for to keep the school in

Israel Hartwell with some others desired the following Articles to be put
 in to this warrant

7th Art to notify the committee that was chosen to seat the Town or seats here
 and the seats in the gallery to give an account to the Town whether they have
 seated the same and if they have then to give an account when every
 parson is placed

8th Art and if they have not placed the same in one 5^d or refus to give an
 account when every one is placed then to see and if the Town will
 dismiss them and if they dismiss them then to choose a power committee
 to place the seats below and in the gallery in the meeting house in Bedford
 at a general Town meeting ^{to October the 12th} ~~readily~~ warned as a pers by the const^{able} warrant return
 of their warrant and accept and the town proceed on the work of the day and
 choose Dea Nathaniel Meriam Moderator

9th Art to see if the Town will accept of what the committee has done as to the
 looking over the Towns accounts and it was put to vote and past on the 12th of October

10th Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a town Rent and it was put
 to vote and it past on the 12th of October and it was proposed to the Town whether
 they would grant forty pound and it was put to vote and it past on the 12th of October

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they will ad to ~~the~~ the found mr Nicholas Bowers Salery and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine to see if they would grant twenty pound and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they will Reconsid the vote that was past at that the last may meeting that they would not have a high way Reat and it was put to vote and it past on the Afermitine and it was preposed to the Town to see if they would grant forty pound and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine

Art^l is to see the minds of the Town whether they will leave it with the Selectmen to provide a place for the School and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine

It was ~~put~~ preposed to the Town whether they would act any thing upon Daniel Hartwells and Sum others petitioners and it was put to vote and it past on the Afermitine

it was preposed to the Town to ~~to~~ see if they would dismiss the committee that was last choas to seat the meeting house and it was put to vote and it past on the Afermitine

and it was preposed to the Town to see the minds of the Town whether they will choas a Committee to seat the ^{that is the 60 of seats below the gallery} meeting house and it was put to vote and it past on the Afermitine

it was preposed to the Town whether they would choise a committee of three men and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine and they choas three men William Hartwel Thomas Bacon Richard Wheeler to manage that affair.

Boston November the 17th 1735

The Select men met on the 17th day of November and a pounce a Town meeting to be had on the 28th day of November and one of the clock in the after noon

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town if they will choise a man to go to Charleston Court which will be on the 2nd day of Desember next insuing the Deat her of to answer Joseph Bacons petition

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choise a committee to meet with the query that comes to new Joseph Bacons way that was layed down by Bacons last

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choise a committee to raise any money for a school

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choise a committee to provide a school master and a place to keep the school

Art^l is to know the minds of the Town whether they think it proper to raise any money for scalls and waites and Stoks and a Town stock of anin on

1735

A central town meeting legally warned by the return of our constable
warrant to be held on the 28th day November at one of the clock in afternoon
the town meet and proposed on the work of the day and choas Dea
Asa Putnam moderator

- 1st Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they send a man
to go to Charleston cert to answer Joseph Bacons petition and
it was put to vote and it past on the Afermitine and the Town
choas Dea ~~Meriam~~ Nathaniel Meriam
- 2d Article was to see the minds of the Town to see if they choas
a committe to meet with the query that comes to neen the
5d Bacons way and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine
and they choas Dea Nathaniel Meriam If Job Lane corn
Nathaniel Paige
- 3d Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they will rais
any money for the school and it was preposed to the Town
to see if they rais ten pound and it was put to vote and past
on the Afermitine
- 4th Article was to see the minds of the Town to see if they would
choas a committe to provide a school master and a place for
the school and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine
and they choas 3 men to manage that affair capt John Lane and
Stephen Daves and Frances Wilson
- 5th Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they think it proper
to rais money for providing scales and wates and stockes and a
Town stock of ammonicon and it was put to vote and past on the Afermitine

The account of the Rates for the year 1735

The province ~~tax~~ tax this year is — ~~tax~~ 72-6-9

to Mr Jonathan Bacon is to collect of the sd tax 38-13-10

to Mr Richard Wheloc is of the sd tax — 33-12-11

The county Rate for this year — 6-6-3

Mr Jonathan Bacon of the county tax is — 3-8-3

to Richard Wheloc of the sd tax — 2-18-0

Mr Bowers Saltery is this year — 121-6-9

Mr Jonathan Bacon is to collect of Mr Bows Saltery: 66-11-1

Richard Wheloc is to collect of the sd tax: 58-05-2

The town Rate this year is — 34-11-2

Mr Bacon Town Rate is this year is — 17-14-09

Richard Wheloc is of the sd tax is — 15-16-10

Mr Bowers wood Rent this year is — 4-8-8

Mr Richard Wheloc wood Rent this year is — 3-2-5

The account of the Rates for the year 1736

The province Tax is this year 67-2-6

Mr Nathl Paige is to collect of the province tax 36-6-3

David Taylor is to collect of said Tax 30-18-2

The County rent this year is 4-2-6

Nathaniel Paige is to collect of the sd tax 2-8-3

David Taylor is to collect of the sd tax 2-1-3

Mr Bowers Saltery this year is 120-0-0

Nathaniel Paige is to collect of the said tax 64-14-2

David Taylor is to collect of the sd tax 55-5-10

The remainder is the Town rent and school rent 21-2-0

Nathaniel Paige is to collect of the sd tax 42-11-8

David Taylor is to collect of the sd tax 41-17-4

Bedford february the 12th 1735/6

1736

1. then the select men met and appointed a Town meeting
to be held on the first day of march ^{at 11 o'clock in the forenoon} for the choosing of
Town officers and some other Articles are as followeth
first Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they will let the sum go
at large this present year

2. Article is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will
raise to provide scales and waives and stocks

Bedford march the first 1735/6

at a General Town meeting lawfully warned by the return of
our Const^l warrant and the Town meeting preside on the
work of the day and chose Dea Nathaniel Meriam moderator
William Hartwel grantary man for this present year
Samuel Fitch Town clerk sworn

Samuel Fitch
Nathaniel Meriam (select
Jonathan Bacon (men
Richard Wheelor
Frances Wilson

David Taylor (const
Nathaniel Paige (bels sworn

capt John Lane (Town sworn
Treasurer

Josiah Bacon
John Meriam (surveors
Joseph Dean (of high sworn
Robert Abbott (ways

Zachariah Sterns (hodget sworn
John Wheelor

Elezar Daves (Tithing sworn
James Lane (men

De Israel Putnam: sender of new
De Israel Putnam: sender of waives a sworn
measures

Stephen Daves
Benjamin Fitch (Fence viewers
Daniel Daves (sworn

first it was proposed to the Town whether they would let the sum go
at large this present year and it was put to vote and passed in the Affirmative
2. it was proposed to the Town ~~to~~ to know if they raise five pounds
and it was put to vote and it passed on the Affirmative
3. it was proposed to the Town to see if they will ~~will~~ to the comm
that was last chose to seat the body of seats be to and in the gallery
and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative
it was proposed to the Town that the committee that was last chose
to seat the body of seats be to and in the gallery and they are to
seat the said house that is the body of seats be to and in the gallery
and it is to be by the former Rules that is in the Town Book
and it was put to vote by polling the assembly and passed on the Affirmative

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1736

1136
Bedford May the 13th 1736

The select men met and appointed a town meeting to be held on
the 21 day of May at three o'clock in the afternoon
~~at a place at~~^{in the} town meeting was called by the selectmen of
our committee, my wife and the church went and preached on the way
of the day.

Art. 1. We see the words of the poem whether they would send a
Representation this present year or it would be sent to the
the negative

well was to see the ruins of the town whether they would give
a fresh way. Heat this present year

a general town meeting held on the 10th inst. by the return of our
constables and others. On the town meet the people on the work of the
day and some objections were made but the meeting went on by a vote
and many persons in whom we had great confidence were elected.

Mr. Hollick was to see the names of the young ladies who would give a
representation this present year as it was just to have the girls on
the ground.

April was to see the ruins of the town whether they were great or
high way dead for this year and it was put to rest and put on
aftermath.

it was proposed to the town whether they would grant \$100
per year but it was put to rest and put on the shelf.

Mr Allen

Bedford June the 21th 1736:

I Jacob Kenn of Bedford do promise and engage
for me ~~and my heirs~~ my heirs to free and secure
the tow of Bedford from any charge that shall a-
rise for the maintenance of my father and moth-
er Jacob and Alice Kennel as witness my hand

Jacob Kennell

Bedford June 18th 1736

The select meet in a jointed town meeting to be held
on the 21st day of June at three of the clock in the after-
noon at the meeting house

~~as a general town meeting to be held on the 21st day of June at three of the clock in the afternoon at the meeting house~~

Item it is to know the mind of the town whether they judge
the way from market place by John Merriam and John Bridges
and over the great bridge to Lexington by Joseph Tassett as
the way is now trod to be a convenient way for the publick
and is to see if the town will choose a committee to meet the com-
mittee that are appointed to make the way convenient for from
Weston to Lexington and manage that affair at court if they
be appointed

a general town meeting leaguely warned by the return of our
const^{ables} warrants and assizes on the town meeting on the 21st day of June 1736
on the work of the day and choas in Jonathan Bacon
Moderator

Item it is to know the mind of the town whether they judge
the way from market place by John Merriam and John Bridges
and over the great bridge to Lexington by Joseph Tassett as the way
is now trod to be a convenient way for the publick

Item it is to see if the town will choose a committee to meet the com-
mittee that are appointed to make the way convenient for from
Weston to Lexington and manage that affair at court if they
be appointed and it shall be put to vote and pass on the

and the Town proceed and Chas. Lee met to manage and
 Bedford September the 13th 1736 the select men meet and

a pointed a Town meeting to be had on Thursday the 23rd
 day of September at one of the clock in the afternoon
 the articles are as followeth

1st Article is know the minds of the Town whether they will give the
 Reverend Mr. Nicholous Bowes 20 pound for this present year in considera-
 ration that the value of Bills of credit is sank since he settled with
 us in the work of the ministry

2nd Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a
 school kept for this present year and if they will the how much
 3rd Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will chous a committe
 to provide a school master for this present year

4th Article is to know the minds of the Town how and where they will
 have the school kept

5th Article is to know the minds of the Town how much money they
 will grant to pay Joseph Bacon for his highway and the pallery
 and to defray other Town charges

Bedford September the 23 1736 a general Town meeting being
 warned by the return of our constables warrant and the Town
 met and proceeded on the work of the day and Chas. Lee
 Nathaniel Merriam Moderator

1st Article it was proposed to the Town to see if they would give Mr.
 Bowes twenty pound this present year in consideration that the Bills
 of credit is sank since he settled with us in the work of the ministry
 and it was put to vote and pas on the Affermittive

2nd Article it was proposed to the Town to see if they would grant a
 school kept for this present year and it was put to vote and pas on
 the Affermittive

and it was proposed to the Town to see if they would grant ~~ten~~ ^{ten} pound and
 it was put to vote and past on the Affermittive

3rd Article it was proposed to the Town to see if they would chous a committe to
 provide a school master and a place for the school it was put to vote and past
 on the Affermittive

4th Article it was proposed to the Town that the school should be kept in
 near the center of the town as may be it was put to vote and past on the Affermittive

5th Article it was proposed to the Town to grant Joseph Bacon forty five pound
 ten shilling for highway and three pound twelve shillings and six pence
 and thirteen pound ^{to defray Town charges} it was proposed to the Town to see if they would grant
 seventy ~~five~~ ^{five} pound and it was put to vote and past on the Affermittive

The select men meet and appointed a Town meeting to be on the 7th day of March at nine of the clock in the fore noon and the meeting was for 12 o'clock in the fore noon for the year ensuing

- 1st Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will let the swine go at large this present year
- 2nd Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will raise the price of wood on the cord for Mr Bowes and if they will they will then to see how much
- 3rd Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will make any addition to the number of cords of wood yearly to Mr Bowes and if they will then how much
- 4th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant the westerly part of the Town their proportion of the school Rent this year which was granted in the year 1735
- 5th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will work out the arrears of the high way rent before they grant a further Rent
- 6th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will build a school house or school house in this year and if they will build then where

Bedford March the 7th 1736/7

at a General Town meeting legally warned by the return of our constables warrants and Accepted and the Town met and proceeded on the work of the day and choas of Job Lane Moderator the choas Mr John Hartwel Grand Juror for the year ensuing

Samuel Fitch Town clerk
 Samuel Fitch }
 of Job Lane } select sworn
 Dea Israel Putnam } men
 Stephen Daves }
 Samuel Meriam }
 Joseph Bacon }
 Eleazar Ephram } Constable
 Daves and the Town }
 accept of Ephram Daves } sworn
 Benjamin Fitch sworn
 Dea Nathaniel Meriam Town Treasurer
 John Paige }
 John Meriam } Surveyors
 Eleazar Daves } sworn
 Benjamin Huson }

Daniel Hartwel } hog ret
 Benjamin Bacon }
 William Grimes }
 Thomas Woolley }
 Dea Israel Putnam } surveyor of
 hemp and fl
 Dea Israel Putnam } surveyor of
 wool and dyes
 Richard Wheloor } fence
 Frances Wilson }
 Benjamin Kidder }

- 1st Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will let the Swin go at large this present year it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- 2^d Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will raise the price of wood on the cord for Mr Bowes it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- it was proposed to the Town to know whether they would set it at ten shilling per cord and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- 3^d Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will make any addition to the number of cords of wood to Mr Bowes and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- it was proposed to the Town to know if they would have three cords of wood year and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- 4th Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant & vesterly part of the Town the money portione for that it be for the yous of the School and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- 5th Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will work out the arrears of the high way, next before there be another heat granted and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
- 6th Articⁿ is to know the minds of the Town to see if they will build a School house and it was put to vote and past on the Negative

on the 21st day of May 1737
 The selectmen of Bedford meet and a printed a town meeting to be held on the 20th day of May instant at two of the clock in the afternoon
 Bedford May the 20th 1737
 a general Town meeting legally warned by the return of our constable Warran and Accepted and the Town met and proceeded on the work of the day:
 it was put to vote to see if they send a Representative and it past on the Negative
 and the Chorus Mr Stephen Davies moderator
 Article to know the minds of the Town whether they will accept of Mr Abbott do serve in a constable in Bedfordshire this year
 and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative and Mr Abbott was sworn at the said meeting to the office of a constable

- The Selectmen of Bedford met upon the 5th 1737 and appointed a select meeting to be on the 20th day of July instant at 2 of the clock in the afternoon the articles of the
- 1st Article is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Return Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the money being sunk in the valuation since his settlement with us in the gospel ministry
 - 2^d Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they will proceed in a course of law concerning Daniel Hoff in his wife
 - 3^d Article if they will then to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to manage that affair in the law
 - 4th Article is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant to defray the charges of said Hoff and his wife and other necessary charges for this present year

Bedford July the 12: 1737

a General Town meeting legally warned by the return of our Constables according to receipt at the Town but in presence of the work of the day and chaos Dea Israel Putnam moderator

- 1st Article is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give Mr Bowes this present year by reason of the money being sunk in the valuation since his settlement with us in the gospel ministry
 - 2^d Article it was proposed to the Town to see if they would give him thirty pounds this present year and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
 - 3^d Article is to see the minds of the Town whether they will proceed in a course of law concerning Daniel Hoff and his wife and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative
 - 4th Article if they will then to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to manage that affair in the law and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative and they proceeded and ch^{ose}ed Job Lane and Jonathan Bacon to manage that affair in the law
 - 5th Article is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant for to defray the charges of Daniel Hoff and his wife and other necessary charges
- and it was proposed to the Town to see if they would grant fifty pounds and it was put to vote and past on the Affirmative

~~The select men of Bedford met October the 25th 1737 and appointed~~
 for the select men of Bedford met October the 25th 1737 and appointed
 a town meeting to be on Monday the 31st day of October instant
 at one of the clock in the afternoon at the meeting house
 Article¹ is to know the minds of the Town what method they will take
 that the Rev^d Mr Bowes may have his wood brought over seasons
 Article² is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school
 Rent for this present year and if they will how much
 Article³ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a com-
 mittee to provide a school master for the present year
 Article⁴ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will have the school
 kept
 Article⁵ is to know the minds of the Town who they will buy a school house
 Article⁶ is to know the minds whether they will grant a highway tax
 and if they will then how much
 Article⁷ is to know the minds of the Town what method they will go
 on in keeping the high roads

Bedford October the 31 1737

A General town meeting lawfully warned by the return of one constable
 who was accepted and the town met and present on the work of the day
 and chose Ten Nathaniel Merriam Moderator
 Article¹ was proposed to the Town whether they will have Mr Bowes wood
 should be brought by the first day of next day of next January
 and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative
 and it was proposed to the Town that they should bring in the wood to
 Mr Bowes by the first day of January next in sum of my small pay
 money and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative
 Article² is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school
 Rent and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative
 and it was proposed to the Town whether they grant ten pence and it
 was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative
 Article³ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee
 to provide a school master for this present year and it was put to vote and passed
 on the Affirmative
 and it was proposed to the Town to see if they would choose a committee of
 5 men and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative and the proposed
 and chose over Abbott and Thomas Woolley and desired Nathaniel
 to manage that affair
 Article⁴ is to know the minds of the Town whether they would have the school
 kept and it was proposed to the Town to keep the school as near the centre of
 the Town as can be with convenience and it was put to vote and passed on
 the Affirmative
 Article⁵ is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a highway tax
 and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative

- 6th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they will grant a high way rent in it was put to vote and passed Affirmative
 in it was proposed to the Town to see whether they would grant forty pound in it was put to vote and passed on Affirmative
 7th Article is to know the minds of the Town whether they have the high way rent worked out by the last day of October next in it was proposed to the Town not have rent work out there rent by the last day of October next insomuch the arrears shall be committed to the constables to collect and it was put to vote and passed on the Affirmative

the province Tax for the year 1737

the province tax is made for the Abbot const 55-12-5

and to Ephraim Daines 55-5-4

and the Abbot is to pay to the Treasurer sum 54-0-5

and Ephraim Daines is to pay to the Treasurer sum 52-13-4

the County rent is made for this year and 4-8-10

the County rent made for the Abbot const 2-4-7

and Ephraim Daines is to collect of the 2 tax and 1-12-4

the Town and ministers tax

the Abbot is to collect of the Town and minister's tax 102-8-3

Ephraim Daines is to collect of the 5 tax and 22-6-5

the account of the highway rent this year 1737

John Graye surveyor of the highway his list is 11-15-1

Benjamin Hutchinson surveyor of the highway his list is 15-11-11

Ephraim Daines surveyor of the highway his list is 10-2-6

John Meriam surveyor of the highway his list is 5-0-2

1737

3-11

the select men of Bedford meet on the 19th Day of January and appointed a town meeting to be on the 26th Day of January instant at one of the clock in the after noon and the articles are as followeth

It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will appoint the If Job Lane and Mr Jonathan Bacon of sd Town to manage at the Superior Court to be held at Charleston this instant January the case now depending between this Town and the Town of Concord respecting the support and maintenance of Daniel Root and his wife.

Before January the 26th 1737/8

A general Town meeting lawfully warned by the return of our constables warrants and accepted and the Town meet and proceeded on the work of the Day and chose Ben Nathaniel Meriam Moderator is to ~~see~~^{know} the minds of the Town whether as there is a case now depending between this Town and the Town of Concord respecting the support and Maintenance of Daniel Root and his wife and the charges thereby already arisen upon our town

Voted that If Job Lane and Mr Jonathan Bacon or either of them be a committee in the Towns behalf to appear at next Court of assize of General Goal Delivery to be held at Charleston in January the last Tuesday instant and there pursue the same to Finally judgment and Execution and also to do act and Transact Every thing relative to the said Root and his wife in the case depending between the Towns aforesaid as fully as the Town if Regularly assembled could do if personally present and her by giving them full power of Substitution

Befid march the 6th 1737/8

At a General town meeting legally warned
By our by our const warrants and Accepted and
the town met and proceeded on the work of
the day and Chose mr Obed Abbott moderator
And Chose mr samuel Meriam Granjara
Israel Putnam town clerk

Israel Putnam
let Job Lane } select
David Taylor } men
Thomas Woolley }
Cor Nathl Page fur

let Nathl Meriam town Treasurer sworn

John Whitmore

Ephraim Jarvis Const: sworn

Benjamin Bacon } surveyors
let Paul Raymond } of highways
Stephen Jarvis m } sworn
mr James Lane }

Obed Abbott } tything men

Benjamin Hutchinson

Isaac Meriam hog

let Lane m } refer sworn

Israel Putnam sealer of
weights and measure
sworn

Daniel Hartwell } fence

John Page } levers sworn

let Paul Raymond

1st it voted that the sworn go at Large this present year
2^d it voted sixty pounds to defray the charges of Daniel Rott
And his wife and other necessary charges
3^d it was discorded in but nothing acted
4th it was to see the minds of the town whether they in
an addition to the highway between the meeting house and pen
Kilns and past in the meeting house and pen

1738

An account of Rates made in the year 1738
 The town granted march the sixth 1737/8 (63-5-8)
 Mr Ephraim Jarvis Const is to collect and
 Gather of the sd Tax 29-11-7
 Mr John Whitmore Const is to collect and
 Gather of the sd Tax 33-14-1
 The province tax this year is thirty five pounds fifteen
 shillings and one penny in Bills of Credit of J New tenner 35-15-1
 Mr John Whitmore Const is to collect of said tax 19-15-0
 Mr Ephraim Jarvis Const is to collect of said tax 16-0-1
 Mr Bowes Sallery this present year is one hundred
 forty one pound one shilling and four pence
 Mr John Whitmore is to collect of said tax 141-1-4
 Mr Ephraim Jarvis Const is to collect of said tax 77-8-0
 The town Rate this present year seventy pounds pounds
 teen shillings and eleven pence 64-5-1
 Mr John Whitmore Const is to collect of the said tax 70-10-11
 Mr Ephraim Jarvis Const is to collect of the said tax 38-14-6
 The County Rate this present year is seven pounds
 fourteen shillings and seven pence 32-2-8
 Mr John Whitmore is to collect of the said tax 7-14-11
 Mr Ephraim Jarvis Const is to collect of the said tax 4-5-8
 3-9-3

45-11-8
 3-7-3
 7-11-1

1738
Bedford March the 27th 1738

The select men meet and appointed a town meeting
to be on the third day of April next insuring at three
of the clock in the after noon at the meeting house
first is to know the minds of the Town whether they will
~~exchange~~ choose a committee to manage the affair concerning
the witnesses that appeared against us at the superior
Court in the behalf of Concord

2^d is to know the minds of the Town whether they
will exchange the highway that was formerly lay
on the north side of Mr Benjamin Kiders house
for that way laid out on the south side of said
Kiders house through said Kiders Land

3^d is to know the minds of the Town whether they
will make an addition to the high way leading from
the meetinghouse to Mr Benjamin Kiders namely
from the Northwest corner of the meetinghouse on
a straight line to the Northeast corner of said Kiders
feet on the south side of said Kiders house
allowing the said Kider a piece of Land at the North
corner of said Kiders house as the selectmen have
agreed and staked it out) and six pounds of money
for allowing Mr Josiah Fasset for five pounds
teen shillings as the selectmen have agreed with
him for the said Land

Bedford April the 30th 1738

A general town meeting legally warned as appears by
the return of our Constables warrants and excepted and
the Town meet and proceeded on the work of the Day
and Chose for Pathil Meriam Moderator

first is to know the minds of the Town whether they will
choose a committee to manage the affair concerning
the witnesses that appeared against us at the superior
Court in the behalf of Concord and it past in the
affirmative

It was ~~to~~ proposed to ~~to~~ jorn the meeting and the meeting was Adjorned to the 19th Day of April instant to three of the Clock in the afternoon at the meetinghouse.

Voted to Choose a commettee of ~~three~~ three men voted that choice of the commette be continued to the next town meeting in may

Art^s is to know the minds of the town whether they will Exchange the highway that was formerly layed out on the North side of Mr Benjamin Riders house for that way layed out on the south side of said Riders house through said Land
And it was Voted in the Negative

Art^s is to know the minds of the town whether they will Make an adoption to the high way leading from the meetinghouse to Mr Benjamin Riders namely from the Northwest Corner of the meetinghouse on a strate line to the Northeast Corner of said Riders feild on the south side of said house
Allowing the said Rider a pease of Land at the Northeast Corner of said Riders house as the selectmen have Agreed and staked it out and six pounds of money And allowing Mr Josiah Rassetten five pounds teen shillings as the selectmen have agreed with him for the said Land
And it was Voted in the Negative

1738

Bedford May the 12th day 1738

The select men meet and appointed a town meeting
to be on the eighteenth day of May. Convent
first Art is to know the minds of the town whether they will
send a Representative to the Great and general Court
this present

Bedford May the 18th 1738

A general town meeting legally warned as appears by
the return of our constables warrants and except
first Art is to know the minds of the town whether they will
send a Representative to the Great and general Court
this present year
voted in the negative

Also the town will remain moderate

Also the town is going in the choice of a committee
which was continued at a town meeting in April 1738
the next town meeting in May

voted that Mr William Hattwell & Joseph Nitch
be a committee to manage the
affair concerning the witnesses that appeared against us
in the behalf of Concord

Bedford April the 10th 1738

The selectmen meet and having recitations from
the town of Concord and the town of Billerica
to the town of Bedford and the town of
Lexington in order to prearrange the lines between
them at Bedford on the 10th day of April
Borough in observance thereto the selectmen appointed
several persons in the town for that service
Mr Isaac Pittman and Richard Wheeler to meet
Concord's committee on the twenty fourth day of April
1738 which committee in their return joined with Concord's
committee in running the line and renewing marks
also at the line and also at the line a committee to meet with
Billerica's committee on the 1st day of May 1738
which committee in their return joined with Billerica's
committee in running the line and renewing the marks

Mr. Nathl Page and Mr. Francis Willcox came to meet with John's committee on the 26th day of April 1738 which committee for their return joined with John's committee gathering the rate for renewing the mark

Mr. Thomas Woodley and Stephen Harris a committee appointed to meet with John's committee on the 29th day of April 1738 which committee for their return joined with John's committee gathering the rate for renewing the mark

Bedford October the 19th 1738 The selectmen meet and appointed a town meeting to be on the Twenty sixth day of October Corrant

1st Art^e is to know the mind of the town how much money they will give the Rev Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the money being sunk in the valuation since his settlement with us in the gospell ministry

2^d Art^e is to know the mind of the town whether they will grant a school Rate this present year and if they will then how much

3^d Art^e is to know the minds of the town where they will have the school kept this present year

4th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will choose a committee to provide a schoole master for this present year

5th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will grant a town Rate this present year to pay Town Charges and if they will then how much

6th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will accept of the highway that the selectmen beganing at a large whit oak at the south east corner of the Rev Mr Bowes field to a certain heap of stons at the foot of the Hill so rowing a cross at corner of Mr Benjamin Kidders Land to a certain rock with a ston upon it near Mr Kidders fence following the above said Mr Bowes and Mr Kidders the north side of said way

7th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they what price the wood that they are to bring to Mr Bowes shall be set at

8th art^e is to know the minds of the town what time the wood shall be brought to Mr Bowes this present year

61 Bedford October the 26th 1738

- at a generall town meeting legally warned and accepted
first Art^e is to know ^{see Nathaniel Meriam moderator} the minds of the town how much money they
will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year
By reason of the money being sunk in the valuation since
his settlement with us in the Gosp^l ministry
it was propos^d to the town to see if they would grant forty
pounds and it was put to vote and past in the Affirmative
2^d art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will grant a
school Rate this present ^{year} voted in the Affirmative
voted to teen ^{pounds} for the school this present year
3^d art^e is to know the minds of the town where they will
have the school kept this present year
voted that the school be kept as near the center of
the town as can be with convenience
4th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will
chose a committee to provide a school for this present
voted to chose a committee of three men ^{messrs} namely
Cornet Nathaniel Page Mr William Hartwell and Paul Ray
5th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will
grant a town Rate this present year to pay town
charges it was propos^d to the town to see if they
would grant sixty pounds and it was put to vote and
past in the Affirmative
6th Art^e is to know the minds of the town whether they will
accept of the highway that the select men ^{lay} out the bounds
are as followeth beginning at a large whiteoak tree
at the southeast ~~end~~ corner of the Rev^d Mr Bowes field
so to a certain heap of stons at the foot of the hill
so running a cross a corner of Mr Benjamin Kiders land
so a certain rock with a ston upon it near S^r Kiders fence
allowing the above said Mr Bowes and S^r Kider the land
on the north side of S^r way Bedford October the 26th
then the town voted their acceptance of the above S^r way
according to the bounds and marks above mentioned the
marks being all on the north side of S^r way
7th art^e is to know the minds of the town what price the
wood that they are to bring to Mr Bowes shall be set
at a cord
voted that the wood be set at teen shillings a cord

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8th it is to know the minds of the town what time the wood
shall be brought to Mr Bowes
Voted that Mr Bowes ^{wood} be brought to his house at or before
the first day of January next ensuing

Before the 25th day of August 1738
The select then heard first of one Isaac Harris
who wrote himself ^{of Bedford} that he bordered at
the house of William Simonds in S. town
and upon of this forthwith Appointed Lett Job
Lane to go and make inquiry and he made
his return that he could find ^{nothing} ~~it~~ in
it) also the said Simonds and his family
declared that he were not ^{there} nor never
in take up his abode ^{there} as a border or any
other way entered by order of the selectmen
Isaac Putnam Town Clerk

Jeremiah Rea charges for Boarding his sister Goodail from the
15th of March to the 20th of July 17 weeks at 1/1 per week & 4 days £ 0 - 19
and 14 weeks from the 1st of a 2/6 per week 15
Wid Goodail charged

1777 To one petition of settlement Estate . . . £ 1 - 1 - 4
To one gown of settlement Estate . . . 2 - 0 - 0
To cash for her support - Belong to Joseph Conner - 3 - 0 - 0
The above sum paid by Mr. Joseph Hartwell on behalf of her
Money he owed of his wages - Received Dec^r 1776

Dec^r 1776 Mr. Joseph Hartwell Received of C^p^t Charles Miles
Twenty two pounds Eleven shillings & 8 pence wages Due
to Amos Goodail ^{sett.} paid out of y^e above sum for the support
of y^e wid. Goodail Labour of y^e P^r Dec^r 1776 £ 7 - 15 - 11
The Remainder of y^e above sum paid to y^e town
treasurer

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Bedford march the 5th 1739
at a generel Town meeting legally warned by
the return of the Const warrants Accepted

Cap Josiah Tasset Moderator
Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam
Cap Josiah Tasset
Mr James Lane
selectmen Samuel Meriam
Con^t Nathanil Page

John Meriam Town Treasurer sworn
Benjamin Juffer Const payed his fine
Elezzer Jarvis Const sworn

Con^t Nathanil Page surveyors
Ephraim Jarvis of highways
Danil Hartwell sworn
may John Lane

Con^t John Whitmore Fything men
John Page sworn

Zachariah Kitch hogriffs
Christopher Page sworn

Israel Putnam sealer of waits and massurers
Richard Whelov fence veeers

Con^t Francis Willson sworn
Nathanil Page Jun^r

Art Voted that the swine go at large this present
year under the regulations of the Law

1739

Resolved May the 11th day 1739 the select met and
appointed a town meeting to be on the 14th day of
May Corvett

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they will
send a representative to the Great and general Court
at this present year

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they
will accept of Mr Obee as constable in the room of
Mr Benjamin Kinner if not then to proceed to the
chose of a nother man for a constable

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they
will grant a town vote to Jeffrey Jones Charles
and if they will then how much

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they will
make an addition to the high way in North Dey
from the meeting house to Mr Benjamin Kinner and
if they will then how much

Resolved May the fourteenth day 1739
the town meeting Largely attended and
approved by the return of Mr Obee constable and Jeffrey
Charles and Charles Kinner

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they
will send a representative to the Great and general Court
at this present year

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they will
accept of Mr Obee as constable in the room
of Mr Benjamin Kinner

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they will
grant a town vote to Jeffrey Jones Charles
and if they will then how much

Resolved to see the minds of the town whether they will
make an addition to the high way in North Dey
from the meeting house to Mr Benjamin Kinner and
if they will then how much

4th At 5th see the minds whether they will make an
 addition to the high way in width leading from
 the meeting house to Mr Benjamin K...
 this At was acted upon and there was one half for
 and the other half against it

an account of the Rates for the year 1739
 the town granted may the 14th 1739 ——— 50-00-00
 Mr John Doe Abbott is to collect of £ tax 29-19-10
 Mr Eleazer Davis is to collect of £ tax 23-14-4
 The province tax this year is twenty seven pounds
 pinteem shillings and five pence 27-19-5
 and there is committed to Mr Obed Abbott (C
 Cons of the said tax 15-13-9
 and to Eleazr Davis Cons of £ tax 12-5-8
~~Mr Bowes gallery this year is one hundred~~
~~and forty pounds~~ 140-0-0
 The minester and Town Rate this present year
 is 400 hundred and teen 200-00-0
 and there is committed to Mr Obed Abbott Cons 117-10-2
 and to Mr Eleazer Davis Cons 93-12-4
 The County Rate this present year is 4-3-11
 and there is committed to Mr Obed Abbott Cons
 to collect of said tax 2-7-2
 to Mr Eleazer Davis Cons of £ tax 1-19-2

Bedford October the 8th Day 1739

The selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be on the eighteenth day of October current at one of the clock in the after noon

1st At is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the moneys being sank in its Valliation since his settlement with us in the Gospel ministry.

2^d At is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school rate this present year and if they will then how much

3^d At is to see the minds of the Town whear they will have the school kept this present year

4th At is to see the minds of the Town whether they will chuse a committee to provide a schoole master this present year

5th At is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a Town Rate to Jeffrey Town Charges this present year and if they will then how much

6th is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in repairing and mending the highways

7th At is to see the minds of the Town what method they will take to recover the arrears of the highway rates

8th At is to see the minds of the Town what price the wood that they are to bring to Mr Bowes shall be set at given

9th At is to see the minds of the Town what time the wood shall be brought to Mr Bowes this present year

Bedford October the 18th 1739

General

at a Town meeting Legally warned as appears by the return of our Constables warrants and accepted

Mr Jonathan Bacon Moderator

1st At is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the moneys being sank in its Valliation since his settlement with us in the Gospel ministry.

2^d At is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr Bowes this present year by reason of the moneys being sank in its Valliation since his settlement with us in the Gospel ministry.

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- 2^d Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school rate this present year and if they will then how much
- Voted teen pounds for the school this present year
- 3^d Art is to see the minds of the Town whear they will have the school ~~kept~~ kept this present year
- Voted a moving school this present year
- 4th Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to provide a school master this present year
- ~~Voted~~ Voted to choose a committee of three men
- Voted that messrs Thomas Woolley Francis Willson David Taylor be a committee to provide a school master and the places for ~~the~~ keeping the school
- 5th Art is to see the minds of the Town whethe they will grant a Town Rate to Jeffrey Town Charges this present year and if they will then how much
- Voted sixty pounds for highways and Town Charges
- 6th Art is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in repairing and mending the highways
- Voted that the surveyors ~~that~~ draw money out of the ~~Town~~ Town Treasurer to Jeffrey the Charges of the high ways
- 7th Art is to see the minds of the Town whether method they will take to recover the arrears of the highway rates
- Voted that the arrears of the highways be workt out at or before the fifteenth day of November next insewing
- Allowing four shillings a day for a man and for oxen and a cart allow proportionably as the former Vot was
- 8th Art is to see the minds of the Town what price the wood that they are to bring to Mr Bowes shall be set at a cord
- Voted that Mr Bowes wood be set at teen shillings a cord
- 9th Art is to see the minds of the Town what time the wood ~~the~~ shall be brought to Mr Bowes this present year
- Voted that the wood be brought to Mr Bowes by the first day of January next

1739 Bedford December the 10th 1739

The selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be holden the seventeenth day of December current at one of the clock in the afternoon

- 1st Art^l to choose ^{two} meet parsons to see that the Violaters of the act relating to the killing of Gear in this province be duly prosecuted
- 2^d Art^l is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to prefer a petition to the General Court for a new hearing with Concord or proceed in any other method thought more convenient
- 3^d Art^l is to see the minds of the Town whether they will build a schoole house near the meetinghouse on the Towns

Bedford December the 17th 1739

at a General Town meeting Legally warned as appears by the return of our Cons^{ts} warrants and accepted

Mr James Lane Moderator

- first Art^l is to see the minds of the Town (choose two meet par^{ns}) to see that the Violaters of the act relating to the killing of Gear in this province be duly prosecuted
Voted that M^r John Lane Mr Thomas Zoolley be a for that service and sworn To faithfull Discharge of their trust
- 2^d Art^l is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to prefer a petition to the General Court for a new hearing with Concord or proceed in any other method thought more convenient
Voted that M^r John Lane and Israel Putnam be a committee to manage the affair above
- 3^d Art^l is to see the minds of the Town whether they will build a schoolhouse near the meetinghouse on the Town
Voted In the negative

67) Bedford February 26th 1739/40

The selectmen appointed a town meeting to be on the 3^d day of march at nine a clock in the morning
first A^r is to chos Town officers for the year ensuing
2^d A^r is to see the minds of the whether they will build a schoole house on the on the Towns Land provided that the one half ~~be so~~ of the Charges of a house be defrayed by perticular parsons by way of subscribing

Bedford March the 3^d 1739/40
at a General Town meeting legally warned as appears by the return of our Cons^t warrants and accepted
mr Obed Abbot Moderator
Israel Putnam Town Clerk sworn

Israel Putnam
Mr James Lane
selectmen John Meriam
Obed Abbot
Jsep^r Hitch

John Meriam Town Treasurer - sworn
Francis Willson in the name of Jamil Hartwell
Benjamin Hutchinson sworn

Thomas Whalley to prosecute the violators of the
John Whitmore act relating to killing of deer sworn
John Page

ignow
irvdy Josiah Davis
Samuel Meriam sworn
Obed Abbot

Corn^r Nathaniel Page Jr
Rugmer Ephraim Davis sworn
John Moore

th rifl Jeremiah Hitch sworn
Cork^r Nathaniel Page Jr sealer of weights & meas sworn
Stephen Davis

ice view John Whitmore sworn
Josiah Kasset Jr

A^r relating to the schoole house acted and
Vot^r and a type

Bedford May the 5th Day 1740

The selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be on the 21st Day of May Corrant at two of the Clock in the afternoon

first At 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the Grate and General Court this present year

2^d At 1s to see the minds of the Town ~~whether~~ what method how much money they will grant for highways

3^d At 9s to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in repairing and mending the highways

4th At 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will hear the Towns accounts how their moneys have been expended in the year past

5th At 9s to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant to defray Town Charges and to provide a town stock of powder and pellets

6th At 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will build a fence on the west side of the burying place in the line next to the Rode

Bedford May the 21st Day 1740

At a General Town meeting Legally warned as appointed by the return of our Constables

Mr David Faylor Moderator

first At 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the Grate and General Court this present year

2^d At 9s to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant for highways

3^d At 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will go on in repairing and mending the highways

3) Voted sixty pounds for the highways this present year.
 3) Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in repairing and mending the highways proper that the highway Rate be made in a particular Collom by it self and committed to the Const and a copy of the Rate drawn of an Committee to the surveyors of the highways: and every man shall have liberty to ~~to work~~ by proper warning: and in case he do not work out his Rate the whole of the remainder shall be comitted to the Const to be pay in money as is expres in the Const List and if any man be ~~case~~ to work more then his Rate he shall have an order to the ^{town} treasurer for his money.

Voted in the affirmative

Voted to allow six shillings pr Day for a man from the first Day of march to the Last Day of september and from the Last Day of september to the first Day of march to allow four shillings pr Day for a man and for oxen and cart ~~and~~ proportionable according to the former Vot

Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will hear the Town accounts how their moneys have been expended in the year past Voted in the affirmative

Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant to defray Town charges and to provide a stock of powder and bullets

Voted 25 pounds for a Town stock

Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will build a pine on the west side of the burying place next to the Rede

Voted in the affirmative

Bedford October the 17th 1740

The select of of Bedford meet and appointed a town meeting to be on Monday the 27th of October
 current at one of the clock in the after noon
 first it is to see the minds of the town how much money
 they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this
 present year by reason of the moneys being
 sunk in its valuation since his settlement with
 us in the gospell ministry
 2^d it is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 will grant a school Rate this present year
 and if they will then how much
 3^d it is to see the minds of the Town where they will
 have the school kept this present year
 4th it is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose
 a committee to provide a school master this present year
 5th it is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant
 a Town Rate to defray Town Charges this present
 year and if they will then how much
 6th it is to see the minds of the Town what price the wood that
 they are to bring to Mr Bowes shall be set at
 7th it is to see the minds of the town what time the wood
 shall be brought to Mr Bowes this present year
 8th it is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
 shorten the time between the publick exercises on the sabbath
 days in the winter season gusewing

Bedford October the 27th 1740

At a general Town meeting Legally warned and ~~and~~
 as appears by the return of our Cons^{ts} warrants well
 accepted. Gent Paul Raymond Moderator
 first it is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give
 the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by
 reason of the moneys being sunk in its valuation
 since his settlement with us in the gospell ministry
 Voted fifty pounds this present year and one contribution
 the contribution to be the first sabbath in January

- 2nd Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
grant a schoole Rate this presant year and if they
will then how much
Voted teen pounds for the schoole this presant year
- 3rd Art^s is to see the minds of the Town wheare they will
have the schoole kept this presant year
Voted the schoole to be kept as near the senter of the
Town as may be with conveniance
- 4th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town ^{whether} they will choose
a committee to provide a schoole master this presant year
Voted to choose a committee of three men the first
committee man Cor^t Nath^l page Jun^r the 2^d Mr J^ohⁿ Bacon
the 3^d Lev^t Paul Raymond
- 5th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
grant a Town Rate this ~~pres~~ to Jeffrey Town Charges
this presant year and if they will then how much
Voted twenty pounds
- 6th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town what price
the wood that they are to bring to Mr Bowes
shall be set at a cord
- 7th Voted the wood to be at teen shillings this year
- 8th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town what time the
wood shall be brog^t to Mr Bowes this presant year
Voted the wood to be brought at or before the first
Day of Janvary next ensuing
- 9th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether will
shorten the time between publick Exercises on the sabbath
Days in the winter session ensuing
Voted that the time between the publick Exercises on the
sabbath Days be shortened to one hour and a half

an account of the Rates for the year 1740

The province tax this year is sixty pounds teen shillings
and eight pence 60-10-8

and there is committed to Mr Benjamin Hutchinson ^{son Const} 33-9-3
and to Mr Francis Willson Const 27-1-5

The County Rate is this year of 1-2 07-11-2

To Mr Benjamin Hutchinson is comide of 5 tax 04-1-10

To Mr Francis Willson Const 03-9-4

Remains of 5 Rate to the Town 2-3-9

Remains in Const Hutchinson hands 1-3-2

Remain in Const Willsons hands 1-0-2

The minister Rate this present year is one
hundred fifty one pounds ~~seventeen shillings~~ ^{pence} eight 151-1-8

Mr Benjamin ^{Hutchinson} is to collect and gather of 5 tax 82-3-8

Mr Francis Willson is to collect of said tax 08-17-0

The Town Rate this year is sixty four pounds
fifteen shillings and nine pence 64-19-9

and there is committed Benja^a Hutchinson Const
to gather of 5 tax 35-6-5

and to Mr Francis Willson of said tax 29-13-4

Francis Willsons account of the highway is 4-3-2

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Bedford November 22^d 1740

Taken up and strayed by Job Lane Trs a Red steer
Coming in two years old marked with a swallow
tail in the near ear prised at 3-5-0

Taken up and strayed by Dec Job Lane of Bedford
a bay horse supposed to be about twenty years
old prised at 2 pounds

Bedford February the 2^d 1741

Taken up and strayed by Stephen Favis of A Town
a Red pike heifer coming 2 years old marked with a peace
cut off of the top and under out of under side of the off
ear and supposed to have had a wrier in the near ear
but lost out prised at 3 pounds seven shillings & six pence
3-7-6

Bedford Febr y 21st 1742

than Recd with Corn Paige Relating a stray
steer and recd in full

Bedford Febr y 21st 1742

than Recd with Job Lane y 3^d Relating a stray
steer and recd in full

Bedford March y 7th 1742

than Recd with John Tenner relating a stray steer
and due to the town — 0-17-6

Ed Tenner

Bedford March y 7th 1742

than Recd with Stephen Favis concerning
a stray heifer and due to town — 0-14-9

Bedford March y 7th 1742

than Recd with Joseph Mees concerning
a stray heifer and due to the town Ed Tenner 0-17-6

a ~~general town me~~ Bedford march the 2^d 1740/41
 at a general town meeting Leagaly warned as appears
 by the Return of our Const warrants and accepted
 Dec Job Lane Moderator.

First Art is to Choose Town officers

Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam

Dec Job Lane

selectmen Francis Willson assessors sworn

Joseph Titch

cont Nathanil Page

John Meriam Town Treasurer sworn

John Moore Const sworn

Const William Grimes Const sworn

stephen Favis & Benjamin Bacon to procecute the ~~procc~~
 of the act reating to the Killing of Dear sworn

Job Lane T^{rs} surveyor of highways sworn

survey stephen Favis surveyor of highway sworn

Jeremiah Titch surveyor of highway sworn

Zachariah Titch surveyor of highways sworn

tything Daniel Hartwell tythingman sworn

Oleber Pollard tythingman sworn

Logriff Timothy Hartwell hogriff sworn

Zedekiah Crury hogriff sworn

cont Nathanil Page for sealer of warts and measuers

Thomas Woolley fince viewers sworn

fence Christo Page fince viewers sworn

Josiah Favis fince viewers sworn

27 1741
It is to see the minds of the Town whether will
give leave to certain parsons namely Lt Paul Raymon
Joseph Kitch Obed Abbott Pathaniel Page Jr David
Taylor John Whitmoor to Remove the two hind seats
below in the meetinghouse in the mens side and
also in the woments side to build pews the platform
of said pews not to exceed three inches, in case the
above said parsons will build a convenient school
house the roome sixteen foot squair and seven foot
and a half steeple and finish it to the acceptance of a
committee for the use of the town
as Voted in the Representative

Bedford May the 4th 1741

The selectmen of the town in Bedford meet and appointed
a town meeting to be on the fifteenth day of May 1741
at two of the clock in the afternoon

It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
send a Representative to the Great and General Court
this present year.

It is to see the minds of the Town how much money
they will grant for highways this present year.

It is to see the minds of the Town what method they will
go on in repairing and mending the highways.

It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send
a select committee to the Towns Land now the meetinghouse.

It is to see if they will then to choose a committee to manage
the affairs as the town shall give them order.

It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
make an addition of six poles wide to the highway leading

from the meetinghouse to Benjamin Street in 1741 and
to the sum of their pence for said way.

1741

29th May the 13th 1741

at a general town meeting legally warned as appears
by the return of the said warrants and except

Mr Joseph Ritch Moderator

1st It is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will send a Representative to the great and general
Court this present year

~~2nd~~ 2nd It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will grant for highways this present year

3rd It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will go on in repairing and mending the highways

4th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

5th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

6th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

7th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

8th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

9th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

10th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they

will make a Highway Rate in several parts

5th It is to see the Town whether they will then to choose a Committee to manage that affair as the Town shall give them order there. Voted for Lane John Meriam for John Page be a Committee to manage that affair. Voted the Committee shall have liberty to purchase of Mr. Kider the house that Mansfeel now dwells in and recently finish it as a school house in case they do not agree with Mr. Kider for that house that Mansfeel built: then the Town shall take twenty feet in length and sixteen feet in width and seven feet and a half store and recently finish it; and the Committee shall have liberty to cut timber on the Towns Land for the house. Voted in the affirmative

6th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will make an addition or two poles wide to the highway leading from the meetinghouse to Mr. Benjamin Kiders allowing said Kider the sum of ten pounds for said way. Voted in the affirmative

Bedford June the 18th 1741
the selectmen of the Town of Bedford meet and appointed a Town meeting to be on the twenty sixth day ~~on the 26th~~ of June Corrant at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon
first It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the Grate and General this present year Voted in the Negative

1741
Bedford November 27th 1741

The selectmen meet and appointed a town meeting to be on the seventh Day of December next at one of the clock in the afternoon

1st It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by Reason of the moneys being sank in its Valliation since his settlement with us in the Gospell ministry

2^d It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a schoole rate this present year and if they will then how much

3^d It is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the schoole kept this present year

4th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Choose a Committee to provide a school master this present year

5th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give a Town Rate to Defray Town Charges this present year and if they will then how much

6th It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant to build a schoole house

7th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will go on in the same Method that was the last year Relating to Mr Bowes wood ^{if not} than to propose some other Method

8th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Choose a Committee to Look over the Towns accounts

Bedford December the 7th 1741

at a General Town meeting Legally warned as appears by the return of our Cons^{ts} warrants and accepted

Major John Lane Moderator

1st It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the moneys being sank in its Valliation ^{Waste} since his settlement with us in the Gospell ministry

2^d It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school Rate this present year and if they will then how much

Wanted — been paid to

- 3rd It is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the schoole & kept this present year
voted that the places of the school be left to the Discretion of the Committee
- 4th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
Choose a Committee to provide a schoole master this
present year: Voted Mr Obed Abbott Stephen Davis
Josiah Favis to be a Committee for that service
- 5th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant
a Town Rate to defray Town Charges this present year
Voted fifty pounds 50-0-0
- 6th It is to see the minds of the Town how much
money they will grant to build a schoole house
Voted thirty pounds to build a schoolhouse 30-0-0
- 7th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
go on in the same Method that was the last
year Relating to Mr Bowes wood If not than to
propose some other Method Voted that the wood
be brought to Mr Bowes by the first day of
January next
- 8th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they
Choose a Committee to look over the Towns accounts
Voted in the affirmative to choose three men
Voted that Mr William Hartwell Richard Wheeler
Paul Raymond be a Committee for that service

an account of the Rates for the year 1741

The province Tax this year is twenty pounds two shillings and nine pence new Fenner $\text{£} 20-2-9$
 and there is committed to William Grimes Const
 eleven pounds six shillings & eleven pence $11-6-11$
 and to John Moore Const of said tax $9-4-9$
 the County Rate this year is eight pounds one shilling and one penny $8-1-1$
 and there is committed to ~~John Moore~~ ^{William Grimes} Const of said tax $4-14-9$
 and there is committed to John Moor of sd tax $3-17-1$
 Mr Bowes salary this present year is $160-00-0$
 William Grimes Const is to collect and
 gather of sd tax $89-15-5$
 and John Moore Const is to collect of sd tax $70-17-5$
 the Town Rate this year is $60-0-0$
 and there is committed to William Grimes
 Const of the said tax $35-7-9$
 and to John Moor Const of said tax $27-0-9$
 the schoolhouse Rate is $30-0-0$
 and there is committed to William Grimes Const $18-13-1$
 and to John Moore Const of the sd tax $14-8-0$
 William Grimes is to collect of the arears of
 the highways $4-11-1$

1741

Bedford april the 7th 1741

the selectmen met heveing received sitations from the Town of Concord and the Town of Billerica and the Town of Woburn and the Town of Lexington in order to preamitate the Line between the Town of Bedford and the Towns above said, in obsarvance thereto the selectmen appointed several parsons for that sarvise namely Israhel Putnam Lt Paul Raymond to meet Concord's Committee on the 27 Day of april 1741 which Committee by there return joyned with Concord's Committee in runing the Line and renewing the marks

also mr^r Stephen Jarvis Peter Tasset a committee to meet Lexington's Committee on the fiftenth Day of april 1741

which Committee by thire return joyned with Lexington's in runing the Lins a renewing the marks

also mr Francis Willson Cr John Page a committee to meet Woburn's Committee on the sixteenth Day of april 1741

Wich Committee by their return joyned with Woburn's in runing the Lins and renewing the marks

an account of the orders given to parsons for squirrels and
~~for job Lane~~ for the year 1741 ~~2-3-7~~

To Dec job Lane	2-3-1
To Jbed Abbott	1-12-11
To Jeremiah Kitch	0-3-6
To J ^r James Lane	0-6-4
To J ^r Christ ^r Paige	0-3-10
To Israel Putnam	0-19-8
To Joseph Kitch	0-3-8
To Will ^m Hartwel J ^r	0-1-9
To Frances Willson	0-8-7
To Walter Pollard	0-9-5
To Zachariah Kitch	0-8-0
To Benjamin Kitch	0-3-4
To John Whinnor	0-6-11
To Cor ^t A. Nathanill Paige J ^r	0-6-8
To Josiah Bacon	2-6-9
To Peter Kasset	0-1-10
To Benjamin Merriam	0-1-1
To Paul Raymond	0-6-0
To John Bacon	0-6-4
To David Taylor	0-9-8
To Stephen Jarvis	0-3-7
To Benjamin Bacon	0-10-0

Bedford March the 4th

Jonathan Grimes ^{& Bedford} than appeared to the selectmen
and informed them that Miller came into his
house on the 11th day of December 1741

1741:2

Joel Knedall from Looburn taken in by John Page
in July 1780

Milly Johnson Daughter of Abijah Johnson taken in by
Nathaniel Page from Billerica July 11th 1783

William Menam from Jones Glapton in Bedford removed to
with Nathaniel Page in February 4th 5th 1783

1782

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Before March the first day 1782
at a general Town meeting Legals warned as appears
by the return of our Const warrants and accepted
Jed Job Lane Moderator

first A^t To Choose Town officers

Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam
Jed Job Lane

Deacons Joseph Kitch
Selemon St Paul Raymond
David Taylor

Town Treas John Wilmore sworn

assessors Israel Putnam
Stephen Jarvis sworn
Jed Job Lane

Const Jonathan Woolley sworn
Christ^r Page

Const John Paige and Josiah Jarvis to prosecute the violat^{ors}
of the act Relating to the Killing Deer sworn

Const Nathaniel Paige
surveyors Obad Abbot sworn
of high ways John Tasset
Josiah Jarvis

tything Benjamin Bacon sworn
men Benjamin Kuder

hoyriff Stephen Hartwell sworn
Oleiver Pollard

sealer Const Nathaniel Paige sworn

peace Viewers Richard Whelan sworn
Samuel Woolley

Justice James Lane grandjuror

an account how the money is expended which was committed
 Mr John Moore William Grimes Const to Collect

At John Paige for running the line to Grimes	0-3-6
John Hart for interest money to Grimes	0-12-0
John Whitmore for running the lines to Grimes	0-7-0
At Nathaniel Paige for the valuation and making rates to Grimes	2-3-6
Joe Lane for valuation & making rates to Grimes	3-3-0
Francis Willson for valuation and making rates to Grimes	2-1-6
Benj Kidder for his highway Grimes	4-1-11
Israel Putnam for valuation & rates and running lines	4-11-9
Gleever Pollard for putting in men staves	0-4-0
John Mansfield for taking care of meethoos	1-10-0
Obed Abbott for the school	3-4-0
Job Lane for the selectmen Expenses & highway work	3-4-0
I above order is in y ^e stead of one it was lost	
this is the whole of my due	
Benja Hutchinson for tobacco for Roof	0-8-0
Putnam for entering cautions	0-17-0

To Cerk Moore

David Taylor for work at highway more	0-3-0
Zachariah Kitch for work at highways more	0-1-3
Timothy Harwell for work at highways more	0-5-8
Stephen Gavis for work at highways and running lines more	1-3-8
Peter Kasset for work at highways and running lines more	0-7-4
John Meriam for a jacket for Roof to more	1-0-0
Lat Raymond for running the lines more	0-4-0
Joseph Kitch for making rates more	0-6-0
Wm Meriam for bedding Roof & to more	19-14-1
Joshua Gavis for y ^e school	3-02-1
John Moor for fencing y ^e burying place	1-9-6

- 88 Before coming into town from Watfown and by
 Whence taken in by Dr. Henry Bacon March 18th 1771
 Mary 20th taken from Bellona by Dr. Henry Bacon March 18th 1771
 Dr. Henry Bacon from Waco took taken in by Dr. Henry Bacon Joseph
 Pinnaman in April 1782 —
- Hugail Simonds from Simmiter taken in by Ebenezer
 Page in September y^r 17th 1783
- Margie^t Corn of Peterborough Slip taken in by Shaddow
 Davis August y^r 23rd 1783
- Anna Kempt from bellona taken in by Isiah Davis
 the 10th Day of July 1783
- Hester Dinsmore from littletown taken in by John
 Moore in March 1782
- Judith Reed from Woburn taken in by
David Page April y^r 2th 1781
 Daughter of Joshua Reed of P. Woburn
- Joseph Musam from Woburn taken in by James Willson
Lettington
 November y^r 10th 1783 with his wife —
- Parker Barker from Chelmsford taken in by
Israel Putnam May y^r 14th 1781 —
- Rebekah Tweed from Woburn taken in by
Israel Putnam September 20th 1781
- Molly Barker from Farley Daughter of Leiper &
Sarah his wife Leaver years of her age taken in by Dr. Henry
Page November y^r 21st 1783
- Samuel Wheeler & his wife and child from Concord taken in by
Dr. Henry Davis November y^r 1st 1784, his wife came to Red
with her child and was taken sick and could not return —
 in May y^r 16th 1784
- James Ingle taking with cornell campden on his passage to Boston and bellona
Red in acton and came to Red December 1776
- Henry Kneeland one of her goines woof and deserted from Woburn
- Alis Turn from Bellona taken in by John Lane May y^r 28th 1781
- Ben Kobben from Lettington taken in by Michael Bacon Apr^l 1777
- Benjamin French from bellona taken in by Samuel Lane April 1773
- William Matwell and his wife and three children by William Matwell
 taken in by Dr. Henry Davis taken in by James Willson the 1st and
William Matwell came to Red 13th 1781 and his family came in october y^r

39 Be for May the 12th 1742

the selectmen of Bedford meet and appointed a Town meeting to be on the 21st day of ^{May} at two of the clock in the afternoon

first It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the grate and General Court this present year

It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will grant for highways this present year

It is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in Repairing and mending the highways

It is to see the the minds of the Town whether they will Grant ~~the~~ twelve pounds money in the old tenner to Benjamin Kider to be paid the next year for that house the Committee bought of him for a schoolhouse

It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Choose a Committee to proportion the highways to each surveyor

Be for May ~~20th~~ 21st 1742

at a General Town meeting lawfully warned as appears by the return of our Cons warrants and accepted

M^r David Taylor Moderator

first It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the grate and General Court this present year Voted In the Negative

It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they Grant for highways this present year

Voted seventy pounds for highways ~~to~~ this year

It is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in Repairing the highways

propose that the highway Rate be made in a perfecturer
collum by it self and committed to the Constables and
Copper of the Rate drawn off and committed to the
surveyors of the highways and every man shall have
cert to work on proper warning and in case he
not work out his Rate the whole of ~~his~~ the Remaⁱⁿder
shall be committed to the cons to be gather^{ed} Money as
is express in the cons List and if any man be case
to work more than his Rate shall have credit for
it the next year Voted in the affirmative

4th It is to see the minds of the Town whether will grant
twelve pounds money in the old tenner Benjamin K^{id}
to be paid the next year for that house that the
Committee bought of him for a school house
Voted in the affirmative

5th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they choose
a Committee to proportion the highways to each surveyor
Voted in the affirmative

Voted that Mr William Hartwe Corn Nathan
Page Mr John Mr Richard Wheeler be a
Committee for that service

the proportioning of the highways is as followeth that there
to maintain the bridge ^{only} over the River near Mr J^ohn
the other ways to be as they use to be excepting
the surveyor at the East End of the Town to go
to the hill which is called Mansfield Hill

William Hartwe
Nathan Page
John Lane

Befor^e October the 22^d Day 1742

the selectmen meet and appointed a Town meeting
to be on the first day of September at one of
the clock in the afternoon

1st It is to see the minds of the Town how much
money they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowe
this present year by reason of the moneys being
sunk in its valuation since his settlement with
us in the gosp^l ministry

2^d It is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will grant a schoole rate this present year and
if they will than how much

3^d It is to see the minds of the Town where they
will have the schoole kept this present year

4th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
choose a committee to provide a schoole master this year

5th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
grant a Town Rate to pay for town charges this present
year and if they will than how much

6th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
go on in the same method that was the last year
Relating to Mr Boweses wood if not than to propose
some other method

7th It is to see the minds of the Town whether
they will accept of the Committees report
in proportioning the highways

Befor^e November 4th 1st Day 1742

at a General Town meeting Legally warned as
appears by the return of our Cons^{ts} warrants
we accepted Mr John Meriam Moderator

9th It is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Nicholas Bowes this present year by reason of the moneys being sunk in its valuation since his settlement with us in the gospel ministry Voted seventy pounds or tenner

10th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a schoole Rate this present year and if they will than how much Voted teen pounds or tenner for school

11th It is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the schoole kept this present year Voted that the schoole move in to the 4 Quarters of ^{Town}

12th It is to see the minds of the Town whether they choose a Committee to provide a schoole master this present year Voted a committee of three men Mr Obed Abbott Saml Hartwel Job Lane y^e 3^d be a committee for y^e service

13th It is to see the mind of the Town whether they will grant a Town Rate to defrey Town Charges this present year Voted fifty pounds or tenner

14th It is to see the mind of the Town whether they will go on in the same method that was the last year Relating to Mr Boweses wood if not than to propose some other method Voted to go on in the same method that was the last year

15th It is to see the mind of the Town whether they will accept of the Committees report in proportioning the highway Voted in the Negative

93 ¹⁷⁴² an account of the Rates for the year 1742

the Minister Rate this year is one hundred
and seventy pounds old tennor

Chris^r Paige Cons is to collect and gather of £ tax — 170-0-0

Jonathan Woolley Cons is to collect of £ tax — 97-7-7

the Town Rate this present year is eighty

~~two~~ pounds old tennor — 80-0-0

and there is committed to Chris^r Paige Cons
of £ tax the sum of — 45-3-8

and to Jonathan Woolley of £ tax — 34-17-10

the County Rate this year is 7-5-0 old tennor 7-5-0

and there is committed to Chris^r Paige Cons
of £ tax the sum of — 4-5-6

and to Jonathan Woolley Cons of £ tax — 3-5-1

the provice tax this year is forty pounds
fifteen shillings — 40-15-0

Committed to Chris^r Paige Cons the sum of 23-11-3

and to Jonathan Woolley Cons of £ said tax 17-3-9

to Jonathan Woolley to £ Highway Rate 1-12-10

to Chris^r Paige to the Highway Rate — 2-6-8

1742

an account how the money is expended that was
 committed to Mr^r Christ^m Paige and Jonathan Woolley Esq^s
 to Collect Orders to Cons^t Paige
 to J^ec Job Lane for making Rates 1-5-0
 to Israel Putnam for making Rates and other sarrv^s 3-2-0
 to Job Lane J^r for J^r schoole 3-0-6
 to Benjamin Rider for the Schoolehouse 5-0-2
 to Walter Pollard for the select mens Expences
 to John Mansfield for the meetinghouse 1-15-0
 to J^ec^d Abbott for schooleing 2-10-0
 to J^ec Job Lane J^r for J^r schoole 0-12-6
 to Job Lane J^r for J^r selectmen expences 0-6-10

the treas payd to Mr Hartwel 11-2-0
 the ties payd to whetree for mending glas 0-12-1
 the Commettee of J^r schoolhouse Rec order to J^r Treas 20-00-0
 orders to Cons^t Woolley
 to W^m Meriam for keeping of Book 2/ 3-0
 to W^m Meriam for tobacco for Book 1/ 15-0
 to Stephen Harris for schooling and makeing Rats 4-11-0
 to W^m Hartwel for a kinway 5-10-0

95	1742	
an account of the birds and Squerils for 7 year 1742		
to Cor ^t Nathaniel Page jun ^r		0-12-9
to John Mansfield		0-2-11
to John Corbit		0-3-0
to Obed Abbott		2-2-8
to Walter Pollard		0-17-6
to William Marshal		0-6-9
to Je ^c Job Lane		0-5-8
to J ⁿ s James Lane		0-4-4
to John Whitmore		0-7-5
to Israel Putnam		0-13-4
to Josiah Bacon		0-2-5
to Benja Titch		0-5-4
to Benjamin Hutchinson		0-5-4
to Zachariah Titch		0-6-3
to John Meriam		0-4-1
to Lt Paul Raymond		0-14-7
to Stephen Fairis		0-5-7
to Peter Tasset		0-8-8
Job Lane J ^r 4 th		0-4-6
Joseph Titch		0-2-1
Benjamin Bacon		0-10-0

9⁶ Bedford March the 7th Day 1743

at a General Town meeting Legally warned
as appears by the return of the Cons warrants

Jonathan Woolley Moderator

first it is to Choose Town officers

Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam

Joseph Kitch

selectmen David Taylor

John Whitmore

Stephen Jarvis

the selectmen sworn assessors

March 7th 25th

Town Treasr John Whitmore

Cons Zachariah Kitch

sworn

Benjamin Bacon

Cot Nathaniel Paige Mr

surveyors Josiah Tasset

sworn

of highways Henry Herington

Timothy Hewitwel

tythingmen Josiah Tasset

sworn

Jeremiah Kitch

sealer

Nathaniel Paige Mr

sworn

finders

Janil Harkwel

sworn

Cot John Paige

hergriffs

John Bacon

sworn

Samuel Woolley

2^d It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
Choose a Committee to finish the schoolhouse
voted in the affirmative

voted that J^r James Lane Cot Nathaniel Paige Joseph
Kitch be a committee for that service

1743
97 3^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
abate the pol Rate of Cap^t Josiah Tasset Dec^t for the year
1739 also a small Rate in Mr Hutchinson List
Voatted in the Negative

4th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether will
Change the highway throw William Hartwells Land which
upon his Request the selectmen met and viewed the way
in order to change throw said Hartwells Leaving the Road
formerly laid out at the southerly end of a Fitch near
the East end of a causeway and so on the East side of
said Fitch till it comes to Zachariah Titches and so on
to J^r Titches Land till it comes to the Road formerly
laid out

Voatted in the affirmative and accepted

Bedford March y^e 21st 1743
than agreed with John Mansfield concerning
the sweeping and opening and shutting the
meetinghouse doors for the year 1743-1744
the meetinghouse to be sweep 12 times a year
Titch & Du-nam to take care of the meetinghouse
to Repair it

know all men by these presents that where as I
propose to give a highway one pole wide through
my Land begening at the southerly End of a
ditch near the East End of a carseway so on
the East side of said ditch till it comes to
Zachariah Kitches Land and so on by sd Kitches
Land till it comes to the Road formerly laid out
for after Considerations and gives good Causes
mouing me to give it where it was formerly laid
out Bedford March the 21st Day 1742/3

as witness my hand W^m Jamnathwell

witness { Joseph Kitch
Stephen Davis

Bedford May the 19th 1743

at a general Town Meeting Leagaly ward
5th Art was to see the minds of the Town whether they wia
accept of the highway of William Heartwel from the Land
that was Cap^t Careys to the way that sd Heartwel gave
to the Town It way is one pole wide prise is five
pounds teen shillings
Voatted in the afirmitive William Heartwel

witness { John Whitmore
Stephen Davis

1743

Boston May the 12th Day 1743

the selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be on the nineteenth Day of current at two of the clock in the afternoon

- 1st It is to see the minds of the town whether they will send a Representative to the grate and General Court this present year
- 2^d It is to see the minds how much money they will grant for highways this present year
- 3^d It is to see the minds of the town what method they will go on in repairing and mending the highways this present year
- 4th It is to see the minds of the town whether they will exchange the highway that will Heartwell proposed to give to the town at there annual meeting in march last past to the place formerly said our said way is given one pole wide
- 5th It is to see the minds of the town whether they will accept of the way of William Heartwell from the Land that was Cap^t Carreys to the way that said Heartwell gave to the town said way to one pole wide price is
- 6th It is to see the minds of the town whether they will let the wine go at large this present year the under the Regulations of Law
- 7th It is to choose men to prosecute the violators of the act relating the killing of the Deers

Bedford May the 19th 1743

at a general Town meeting Leagally warned as
appears by the return of our Const warrants and
accepted Mr Joseph Kitch Moderator

first Ar^{ts} to see the minds of the Town whether they
will send a Representative to the grate and ^{Court} general
this presant year

Voatted in the negetive

2^d Ar^{ts} to see the minds of the Town how much money they
will grant for highways this presant year

Voatted fifty pounds for this year

3^d Ar^{ts} to see the minds of the Town what method they wi
go on in repairing and mending the highways this ^{year} presant
proposd to repair and mend the highways in the same
method that was the Last year

Voatted in the afirmative

4th Ar^{ts} to see the minds of the Town whether they rexchang
the highway the highway that William Heartwell proposd
to give to the Town at there anual meeting in March
last past to the place formerly Laid out & way is give
one pole wide) Voatted in the afirmitive

5th Ar^{ts} to see the minds of the Town whether they wi
accept of the way of William Heartwel from the Land
that was Cap Careys to the way that said Heartwell
gave to the Town & way is one pole wide prise 5-10
Voatted in the afirmitive

of 6th Art^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will let the swine go at large this present
year under the Regulations of Law
voated in the affirmative

7th Art^t is to ~~see the minds of t~~ Choose parsons
to prosecute the violators of the act Relating
the Year

Voatted that Com^t Nathaniel Paige^m and
Jonathan Woolley be for that service

Bedford September the 9th 1743

The selectmen met and made bounds to the
 highway ^{leading from Billerica to Concord beginning} from ~~meeting~~ James Lane to the Road
 that leads from the meetinghouse to Mr Joseph
 Fitches said way is three poles wide from the
 above said Lane to the Causeway ^{from} said way a cross
 the meadow over the Causeway two poles wide
 and then till it come to the other ^{road} about the
 contents ~~the contents~~ of three poles wide

Joseph Putnam
 Joseph Smith
 David Taylor
 Stephen Davis

Selectmen

Secton October the 17th 1743

the selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be on the twenty sixth Day of October Corrant at one of the Clock in the after-noon.

first Art^s is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Revd Mr Nicholas Bowes this presant year by reason of the moneys being sank in its Realliation since his setelment with us in the gosple Ministry

2^d Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a schoole Rate this presant year and if they will than how much

3^d Art^s is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the schoole kept this presant year

4th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Choose a ~~select~~ Committee to provide a schoole Master this presant year

5th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town wheter they will grant a Town Rate to defrey Town Charges this presant year

6th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes wood.

7th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town what they will give Oliver Pollard for the highway laid out on the Land which is now in his possession price of said way is fifteen pounds — 15-0-0

8th Art^s is ~~to~~ in case they do not agree with him than to see if the Town will disallow of said way

Bedford october the 26th 1743

at a Town Meeting Legally warned as appears by the
Return of our Cons^t warrants and accepted

Mr Joseph Ritch Moderator

1st Art^s is to see the minds of the Town how much
they will give the Rev^d Mr Nicholas Bowes this present
year by Reason of the moneys being sank in its valuation
since his settlement with us in the gosp^le ministry.
Voted seventy pounds ~~old~~ Tenor ——— 70-0-0

2^d Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they grow
a schoole Rate this present year and if they will ^{they} have much
Voted thirty pounds for the schoole ——— 30-0-0

3^d Art^s is to see the minds of the Town where they will
have the schoole kept the present year
Voted the schoole to be kept as near the middle of
the Town as may be

4th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will Choose a commettee to provide a schoole may
Voted that Mr David Taylor Joseph Ritch &
Nathanil

Paige sh^d be a com^{ttee} for that service

5th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will grant a Town Rate to Gefrey Town Charges
this present year

Voted fifty pounds ~~old~~ Tenor ——— 50-0-0

6th Art^s is to see the minds of the Town what method
they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes wood
Voted that the wood be brought to Mr Bowes by
the first day of January and they that do not
bring their wood by the afore^d time shall pay
there money Voted that Jⁿ James Lane and
Isaac Putnam take care to get the Remainder of
the wood

7th Art^s is to see the minds of Town what they give o^ld
dollar for the highway formerly laid out on the Land
which he is now in possession of price of a way 12-0-0
Voted to continue this Art^s till the next Town meeting

104	an account of the birds and squirrels for y ^e year 1743	
	Zachariah Titch	0-9-9
	Josiah Bacon	0-15-0
	Christ ^r Paige	0-13-9
	Israel Putnam	0-19-0
	John Hartwell	0-2-0
	Joseph Willson	4-14-2
Cor ^t	John Paige	0-5-2
	John Corbit	0-8-0
	William Marshal	0-2-4
	John Meriam	0-7-11
	M ^r s James Lane	0-5-2
	Joseph Titch	0-12-2
	Obed Abbott	0-19-6
	William Heartwel	0-1-11
	De ^l Job Lane	0-1-9
Cor ^t	Natka ^{ll} Paige M ^r	0-17-8
	John Whitman	1-5-7
	Walter Pollard	0-15-3
	Stephen Favis	0-4-11
	David Taylor	0-14-10
	John Whitman	1-7-3
	Henry Harrington	0-7-4

109 March 11th 1779 William Pellham Estate Paid by the
 the Clerk then brought from Page 35; and is as follows
 203 Fifty one pounds Ten shillings & two pence 54 14
 108 } due to the William Estate 4th Rent of the house
 by the hands of J^r Committee of Correspondence & Safety 14
 107 } Total of said ~~estate~~ ^{of said} Estate £ 54 8
 The Tail of the Real Estate is One hundred and
 Twelve pounds now in arrears charged 112 0
 with 4th Tail of 4th Real Estate Total of 4th 116 8
 Real & Personal Estate Belonging to William Pellham
 is one hundred & sixty four pounds Eight shillings & two pence
 then the Clerk then settled with John Welch on account of what
 107 Estate that he had in his hands of William Pellham's Personal
 Estate in 1779 and is expended for D^r Pellham's support

March 1st 1779 William Pellham's Charge for his Turbent
 Brought from Page 35 112 15 8
 Then account settled to 4th 12th Day of March 1779
 then then reckoned with M^r Jonas Bowman for Boarding
 William Pellham from the 12th Day of March 1779 to the
 19th Day of June 1779 and gave him an order on
 the Town Treasurers for the sum of 38 8
 October 25th 1779
 then reckoned with M^r Jonas Bowman for Boarding William Pellham
 from 4th 19th of June 1779 to 4th 19th of Sept. 13 weeks @
 72/ per week 46 16
 January 4th 1780 then reckoned with M^r Jonas Bowman
 for Boarding William Pellham from 4th 19th Day
 of Sept^r 1779 To 4th 19th Day of December 1779
 13 weeks @ 120/ per week 78 0
 February 28th 1780
 then reckoned with M^r Jonas Bowman for
 Boarding William Pellham from 4th 19th Day of Dec^r
 1779 to 4th 28th Day of February 1780 @ 25th Dollars per week 75

an account of the Rates in the year 1743
 the minster Rate this present year is 170 0 0
 and ther is committed to Benjamin Bacon
 Cons of said tax to collect sixty nine pounds
 three shillings and seven pence of ^{old tenor} 99 3 7
 and there is comitted to Zachariah Kitch of
 a tax seventy two pounds one shilling seven pence ^{old tenor} 72 1 7
 the Town Rate this year is eighty pounds ^{old tenor} 80 0 0
 and there is committed to Benjamin Bacon
 Cons of said tax forty seven pounds five shilling
 and teen pence 47 5 10
 and there is committed to Zachariah Kitch of
 a tax thirty four pounds teen shillings 34 10 0
 the province tax this year is forty pounds
 fifteen shillings in Bills last emette 40 15 0
 and there is committed to Benjamin Bacon of a
 tax twenty four pounds one shilling and ^{half pence} six pence 24 1 6 1/2
 and there is committed to Zachariah Kitch of said
 tax seventeen ^{pounds} ~~shillings~~ three shillings and ^{three farthings} four pence 17 3 4 3/4
 the County Rate this year is eight pounds three
 shillings ^{old tenor} 8 3 0
 and there is committed of said tax to Benjamin
 Bacon four pounds fourteen shillings and ^{pence} seven 4-14-7
 and to Zachariah Kitch of said tax three
 pounds teen shillings 3-10-0
 and there is committed to Zachariah Kitch Cons
 of the arears of the highways 6-2-11
 and to Benja Bacon Cons of a tax 1-7-6

for an account of the orders for the year 1743

Relating the schoolhouse

to John Whitmore for carting Bricks.	2-5-6
to John Paige for carting Bricks.	0-19-0
to Oliver Pollard for work.	0-3-0
to William Marshal for work.	1-6-0
to Zaccheriah Titch for carting Clay.	2-0-0
to Putnam for work.	3-8-6
to Walter Pollard for joiner work.	0-6-0
to Job Lane for Glaziers for 5 Mc. nighous.	0-4-6
to Job Lane the 3 ^d for a coat for Roof.	1-9-1
to Wal ter Pollard for the selectmens expence.	4-17-9
to Stephen Davis for making Rates.	1-17-0
to John Whitmore for making Rates.	1-1-0
to Joseph Titch for making Rates.	0-12-6
to David Taylor for making Rates.	1-0-0
to Israel Putnam for services.	
to John Meriam for shacks for Roof & shose.	2 4-6
to John Meriam for keeping Roof.	20-2-0
to John Munster for sweeping the meetinghouse.	1-15-0
to David Taylor for being over Rate.	0-6-0
Col Joh Lane for carting Bricks & boards.	2-3-3
John Lane for carting Bricks & planks.	1-14-3
William Bancroft for Bording.	2-12-0
Mr James James Lane for Bording school.	2-0-0
Benjamin Miller for 5 schoolhouse.	2-2-2
Joseph Titch John Whitmore a committee	
to get the Town stock Rec an order of	26-0-0
At Tenor / March 7 th 1743/4	
Pathaniel Duggs recd to J Treas.	4-18-7
Mr Lane Recd to J Treas.	4-6-8
Mr Whetlor Recd to J Treas for keeping school.	10-8-0
Joseph Titch to J Treas for 5 schoolhouse.	2-11-0

108
Sold of Mr William Pelham Moveable Effects at Auction
To the amount of £ 14/15
To Hops 5 1/6 Butter 7 1/2 3

108 Bedford February the 20th 1743rd

the selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be on the fifth day of March Next at nine of the clock in the morning

1st Art^s to choose town officers

2^d Art^s to see the minds of the town whether they will let the swine go at Large this present year

3^d Art^s to see the minds of the town whether they will abate games wheelers Rates in com^{ts} Moors ~~list~~ List

4th Art^s to see the minds of the town whether will accept of the committees accounts Relating the schoolhouse or not then to choose a committee to manage that affair

5th Art^s to see the minds of the town whether they Release John Mansfelds highway Rate in case he mows and and keeps the brews down in the burying place

6th Art^s to see the minds of the town what they will do with the Remainder of the money that was granted for a Schoole Rate

7th Art^s to see the minds of the town whether they will abate the Rates that the Lanes and cornet Paige were assest for there incom from England

8th Art^s to see the minds of the town whether they will choose a committee to view and lay out a new way from our meeting house to Lexington over Joseph Hassets causeway where it will most accomodate the town

Before March the 5th 1743/4

at a general Town meeting Leigaty warned as appears
by the return of our cons warrants and accepted

Mr Richard Wheeler- Grand jurier

Joseph Titch Moderator

first Art is to Choose Town officers

Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam tythingmen Timothy Heartwel

Com Nathaniel Paige

Job Lane 4th sworn

cl John Lane

sealer of Nathaniel Paige m^r

selectmen Benjamin Kinder-

Daniel Heartwel

sworn

John Meriam

fince vers

Job Lane 3^d

John Whitmore Town Treas

Nical Bacon

sworn

John Paige sworn

hogrif Joseph Heartwel

Const

Josiah Davis

Benjamin Hutchinson

sworn

surveyors Samuel Gitten

Joan

Josiah Tasset

highways Christ^m Paige sworn

Thomas Woolley

John Moore

Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will let
the swine go at large this presant year

voted in the affirmative

Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
abate James Wheelers Rates in Cons moors List

voted in the affirmative

Art is to see the minds of the Town whether they
~~will accept of the commettees Relating the sekool~~
~~house if not than to chooge a commettee to manage that~~

~~affair~~ voted in the affirmative

Art is to see the minds of the Town whether wil Relece
John Mansfelds Highway Rate in case he mows and
keeps the brush down in the huring place

voted in the affirmative

¹⁰⁰ 6th Ar^t is to see the ⁷⁴⁴ minds what they will do with the
Remainder of the money that was granted for a schoole
Rate voted that the Remainder of the money be
Equally Devided into the four Quarters of the Town
to be expended for the use of the schoole by school Dames
7th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
~~for~~ abate the Rates that the Lanes and paige gentlemen
were assest for there income from England
voted in the Negative / Obed Abbott Entered his dissent
^{against} 8th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
choose a commettee to view and Lay out a new way
from our meetinghouse to Lexington over Joseph
Hassett Casseway and where it will accomodate the ^{Town}

Bedford May the 7th Day 1744
The selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting to be
on the twenty first Day May Corrant at two of
the Clock in the afternoon
first Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will send a Representative to the great and general Court
this present year
2^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town how much money
they will grant for Highways this present year
3^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town what method they
will go on in Repairing and minding the highway
this present year

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Bedford May the 2st Day 1744

a General Town meeting Legally as appears by the Return of our Cons^t warrants and ~~are~~ accepted

Gen^d Job Lane Moderator
first Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the grate and general Court this present year
voatted in the Negative

2^d Ar^t is to see the minds of town how much money they will grant for highways this present year
voatted fifty pounds or Tenor

3^d Ar^t is to see the minds of town what method they will go on in Repairing and mending^g highway
proposed that the Highway Rate be made in a pertickler collom by yt self and committed to the Cons^t and a coppey of the Rate drawn off and committed^{to} surveyors of the highways and every man shall have Liberty to work by lawful warning and in case he do not work out his Rate the whole of the Remainder shall be committed to the Cons^t to be gathered in money as is exprest in the Cons^t list and if any man be caused to work more than his Rate he shall have Credit for yt the next year Voatted in the affirmative

May the 21st 1744

The Town proceeded and choosed a committee to look into the Towns circumstances concerning the highway leading from the Contry Road to Goken Paiges by Oliver Pollards and to agree with all ~~concerning they think proper~~ partes concerned if they think proper Voatted that Col John Lane Ob^d Abbott and Lt Joseph Nitch be a committee for this service

112
taken up and strayed by Jonathan Davis a black cow
about seven or eight years old marked with
the top of the near ear cut off and a slit in at
the top of the same and a piece out of the upper
part of the off ear with some white in the
middle of her tail the top of her horns has
been cut off

November the 15th 1749
taken up and strayed by Zechariah Fitch a brindle
cow supposed to be about four or five years old
marked the top of the near ear cut off and the
top of the horns cut off with a star in his forehead
aprizd at nine pound and tenor
9-9-0

Nov^r 1st 1748 Taken up and Strayed by Jonathan Woolley of Bedford
as the Law Directs, a Dark brown Heifer supposed to be coming
four years old, with white feet, tail & belly; marked with a
Half Cop off the near ear, & three Knotches on the top of the off
horn, apprized at ten Pound ten Shillings old tenor £10-10-0
Entred Feb^r 25th 1748/9

May 4th 30th 1750. Taken up in Damagefeasant, Improvided
and Strayd as the Law Directs, by Zechariah Fitch of
Bedford; a Bay Horse Colt, supposed to be about one year old

November 4th 8th 1752. Taken up and Strayd by Samuel Bacon of
Bedford, a light brindled Stear with white on the end of his tail
and half lopped horns, supposed to be coming four years old.
Also a Red Stear with some white on his Rump, belly, Gambrell, and Dulip
and half lopped horns, coming Three year old.
And a Red side heifer (much white) having also lopped horns, coming Three year
old. all marked with the letter L G on the near horn, and a Slit Cut in the under
side of the near ear.
also a Red side heifer coming Two years old, marked with a Slit Cut in the
under side of the near ear, and supposed to have been branded on the near horn
but almost grown out.

December 9th 1752.

Taken up by Ebenezer Jones of Bedford, a Red Stear supposed to be four years old. Branded on the off horn with the Letters T B. a piece of the near ear cut off, and a slit in the same, and two slits in the off ear.

May 9th 1754.

Taken up & Strayed as the Law Directs, by Joseph Eliot of Bedford a Chestnut Coloured Mare having two Strakes of white in her face, one above the other, and a Rowell in her Breast, supposed to be pretty Old. Valued by Sworn Apprizers at Three pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence L M.

November 9th 1756.

Taken up and Strayed by Zechariah Titch Jun^r of Bedford a Brindle & Pide Stear having small horn, but hath no Artificial mark, and is supposed to be three or four years old past. Apprized at.

Novemb^r 22nd 1756.

Taken up & Strayed by Jonathan Taylor of Bedford a Brown Stear having a white face & some white on his belly and hath the top of his near ear cut off, and a bell about his neck; supposed to be three ~~or four~~ years old past. also a Black Stear, with the top of his off ear cut off, and is supposed to be three years old. — These Stears taken away by the owners before Apprization.

Novemb^r 26th 1756.

Taken up & Strayed by Ebenezer Jones of Bedford a Red Stear supposed to be two years old, having a white ^{some white on his} belly & tail, and the top of his near ear cut off, and has one or two brown spots on his right shoulder. also another Red Stear, supposed to be two years old, having a small white spot in his forehead and a slit in the under side of his off ear.

January 22: 1757. The last mentioned Stear was apprized by John Jones Jun^r & Jonathan Taylor at 21st Lawful money. The other Stear taken up by Eben^r Jones. the owner hath taken away.

November 10th 1767. taken up & Strayed, by Walter Pollard of Bedford a Brindlish Red Stear, having some white in his face & else where in his body, but no Artificial mark about him, he is one year old past. — The said Stear is apprized at one pound & sixteen Shillings.

Booked March 17th 1767.

May 5th 1769 Taken up in Damage feasant, & Strayed as the Law Directs by Hugh Harwell of Bedford, a blackish Coloured trotting mare, not having any Artificial mark discoverable, & is supposed to be four years old, this summer. — The mare is valued by Sworn Apprizers at Five pounds Lawful money. — Booked May 11th 1769.

Bedford October the 9th 1744

the selectmen met and appointed a Town meeting
to be on the fiftenth Day of October Corrant at
at one of the clock in the afternoon

first At^t is to see the minds of the Town how
much money they will give the Re^d Mr

Nicholas Bowes this present year by Reason
of the money being sunk in its Valuation
since his settlement with us in the gosp^lle min^{try}

2^d At^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will choose a committee to meet the Cor^ts committee
Relating the affair of Higgs bridge so called

3^d At^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will grant a schoole Rate this present year
and if they will than how much

4th At^t is to see the of the Town where they they
will have the schoole kept this present year

5th At^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they
will choose a committee to provide a schoole master

6th At^t is to see the minds of the Town whether
they will grant a Town Rate to Desrey Town
Charges this present year

7th At^t is to see the minds of the Town what method
they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes work this
present year

Bedford October the 15th 1744

at a general Town meeting Legally warned as app^o
by the return of our Const warrants and accepted
Col John Lane Moderator

first Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town how much money they will give the Rev^d Mr. Nicholas Bower this present year by reason of the money, being sunk in its valuation since his settlement with us in the ~~gospel~~ gospel ministry.

voted eighty pounds of Tinner — — — 80-0-0

2^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to meet the court committee relating the affair of Hills Bridge so called voted to choose a committee of three men voted that Col John Lane Benjamin Kitcher & Israel Putnam be a com^t for that service propos whether the ~~whether~~ the way over Hills Bridge so called be of a publick good and Benefit of this Town and pass in the Negative

3^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a school Rate this present year and if they will then how much

voted twenty pounds of Tinner — — — 20-0-0

4th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the school kept this present year

voted that the school be kept in the schoolhouse

5th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a committee to provide a school master voted that Jⁿs John Meriam David Taylor

and an Obed Abbott be a com^{tee} for that service

6th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a Town Rate to defray Town Charges this present year

voted forty pounds of Tinner

the account of the Rates for y^e year 1744
 the province Rate this year is forty nine pounds
 three shillings and six pence 49 3 4
 and there is committed to John Putna Paige
 Cons^l to collect of y^e tax twenty eight pound ^{shillings} thirteen 28 11 0
 and their Remains in Cons^l Paiges hand of the
 province tax three pound six shillings and six pence 3 6 4
 and there is committed to Josiah Gavis Cons^l of y^e tax
 the sum of twenty pounds nine shillings and four pence 20 9 4
 the minister and town Rate this year is two
 hundred fifty one pounds thirteen and six pence 251 13 6
 and there is committed to Mr John Paige Cons^l to
 collect of y^e tax one hundred forty eight pounds
 two shillings 148 2 0
 and John Paige is to pay with y^e minister
 and there to Mr Josiah Gavis of y^e tax one hundred
 and three pounds eleven and six pence 103 11 6
 and said Gavis is to pay of the Minister Rate 70 0 0
 the County Rate this year is four pounds two
 shillings and six pence in this last amount 4 2 6
 and there is committed to Mr John Paige Cons^l of
 said tax two ^{pounds} ten shillings of B^l of C^l Det 2 10 4
 and John Paige is over charge in y^e tax 0 4 4
 and there is committed to Mr Josiah Gavis
 Cons^l of y^e tax one pound twelve and two pence 1 12 2
 and there is committed to John Paige of the
 arrears of the Highways 1 17 3
 and to Josiah Gavis of y^e Rate 0 19 9

116 By the select men
 Sold of Mr William Pelham Personal Estate at
 1776 a value due to the amount of £ 16 4 9
 in sold hogs and 7/11
 To butter & pork and one cow and some fish 7 5 7
 The hold of the estate that was sold 24 0 3
 The pallant of the sail of Mr William Pelham & 24 13 6
 3 fine green jownds for shillings & hangings 19 6 9
 The charges in keeping Mr Pelham and Doctoring
 his wife & doctoring 1 6 8
 To John Lane 4/ one pair shoes 9/ Sarah pay 18
 To John Webb for the Doctor 5
 To John Webb a compt for some things found
 and funeral charges 2 3 10
 Remains of Pelham's Estate in the hold 4 13 6
 Sum is 19 6 7 1/2

May 28 1776 then William Pelham went to Jonas Bowman to board
 1776 5/4 per week 7 9 4 weekly eight weeks } £ 7 7 4
 June 10 1776 William Pelham boarded with Jonas Bowman
 4 weeks to the 21st day of March 1777 } 4 13 4
 To shillings & English one per week
 Then Jonas Bowman charged to William Pelham
 To going home 2/6 to carrying Pelham's goods to Webb's 1/6
 March 21 1777 William Pelham boarded with Bowman from March
 the 21 to May the 23rd 2 weeks at 6 per week } £ 12 0 0
 £ 1 5 8 = 10

May 28 1776 Jonas Bowman To to Pelham Estate
 To the improvement of the place one year £ 3 13 4
 To the work of 4 one week 3/4 to a year at 1/6 wood 4 0 18 6
 To wages paid at 16 1/2 0 0 6
 This sum is to be paid to the above 19 6 9 1/2 which sum
 is in the hands of the Estate - To at some time 19 6 9 1/2
 Twenty five pounds eleven shillings one penny three farthings 23 11 1
 To John Webb for making two shirts two shillings 2 8 10 10
 To John Webb for paid for a pair of shoes 1/6 8 8 2
 The hold of Mr Pelham's Estate that was sold at some time
 in the hands of John Webb due to the town is in £ 7 18 2 1/2

1776 Remains Due from John Webb of the Estate
 of William Pelham in his hand to collect £ 114 8 10
 To Mr Webb paid of the above
 a compt to Mr Jonas Bowman when settled with him 11 4 4
 To John Webb of the above sum 11 4 4
 To one pair of shoes 2/6 to making two shirts 2/6 } 1/2 the sum due 2 14 0
 To John Webb paid Mr Bowman for two weeks at 6 per week 7 18 4

May the 30th 1777 then settled with Jonas Bowman for boarding William Pelham
 to this day) = and Remains Due from John Webb in the hands of
 Pelham's Estate in his hands £ 7 7 7 1/2
 To Mr Webb paid at some time to Mr Jonas Bowman 0 7 0
 To Mr Webb paid at some time to Mr Jonas Bowman 0 7 0

January 3rd 1777

A further Road formerly lay by the town of
 Billerica thro' the Land formerly belonging
 to Mr John Whitmore of Bedford said Land now
 now belonging to Oliver Pollard by the Repⁿ
 of the parties the town choose a com^{tee} as
 Ex^m that affair of 3 com^{tee} agreed as
 follow with J Pollard as followeth for fifty
 pounds to widen the above Road to be
 one Rod and a half wide John Whitmore
 Bedford to pay the one half for a certain piece
 of Land containing 74 p^{ols} twice as wide
 as the Road as at the east about en
 between forty & fifty p^{ols} in length to
 the full satisfaction of the above J Pollard
 the above & way to be for the use of
 the town of Bedford as witness our hands
 and seals

Oliver Pollard

Witnesses Israel Putnam

John Lane

Nathaniel Paige

John Meriam

John Whitmore

Bedford Dec^r 12th 1777

Then Richard with Jones Bowman to this Day and paid
 Mr Bowman 12:14:0 — £ 12-14-0
 paid by John Webb

John Webb charges to making pelham jacket and thread — 0-3-0
 John Webb allowed Doctor Hallards account at the Land of pelham — 9-0
 Elizabeth Mearns for work at pelham — 3-9

Pelham Pelham account (and to pag 35)

M^{rs} J^r to Zacheriah Rich one of the Justs of the
 Town of Bedford within the County of Midd^x Greeting
 whereas Complaint ~~is~~ hath been made by your self
 to us the assessors of S^d Bedford that J^r K of said Town
 Husbandman was Rated as his proportion to the province
 by the assessors of S^d Town in a Rate List committed to
 your self to collect bearing Date October 3rd 1743
 the sum of 12 shillings and 4 pence the which sum
 the S^d J^r hath heather to neglect and refuseth to
 pay though often Requested there to and no estate to
 be found whereon to make Distress
 these are therefore in his majesties name to will and Require
 you and forthwith to seise the body of the above S^d J^r
 and him committed to the common goal of the S^d County
 there to Remain til payment be made of the above 12 shi
 and 4 pence ~~be made~~ ~~the~~ heather with all charges
 arising by Reason of such committing or otherwise be
 discharged by due order of Law hereof fail not as you
 will answer your default under the pains and penalties
 in the Law given upon our hands and seal the fourteenth
 Day of January 1744)ⁿ

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 assessors

118 1744
 the an account of the orders for y^e year 1744
 the w^m Mary Reed an order to the Treas 22-10-0
 Elever Pollard Reed an order in ful for his Highway 7-10-0
 Col Lane for sarvis done for the Town 2-3-0
 Cor^t Poige for sarvis don for the Town 1-11-6
 John Whitmore for sarvis don for the Town 2-0-0
 John Mansfeld for taking care of the meetinghouse 1-18-0
 Cap^t Lane for wood 1-10-0
 Gea Lane for running y^e Lines 0-6-0
 M^r Kitter for sarvis and schoolhouse 3-15-0
 Jemuel Putnam for sarvis ^{same} 4-4-0
 Waliter Polard for expence ^{house} ~~for~~ 5-10-1
 Job Lane for expence and mending ^{house} ~~meeting~~ 2-14-1

Orders to Cons^t Josiah Davis

Mr Meriam for sarvis and Clothing for Roff 2-3-0
 Mr Meriam 2-10-0
 John Moore being over Charge 1-7-0
 Jonathan Wooley for highway 0-16-0
~~Mr Meriam for sarvis and Clothing for Roff 2-14-1~~

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To a Treasurer 1744

Mr Wheeler for keeping schools 15-18-0
 Cap Lane for Boarding the school master 3-12-0
 Job Lane for getting the town stock 0-10-0

120 ¹⁷⁴⁴ M^{rs} to A B Town Treasurer of the
Town of Bedford in D County to the Sheriff of the
County of Middx his under Sheriff or Deputy Greeting
where as on the seventh day of December 1742
there was Legally assessed upon the inhabitants of
the Town of Bedford afore said the sum of two
hundred and fifty ^{pounds} one shilling & a pence part there
of was committed to A B Bedford afore said Husbandman
than Const of D Town with sufficient warrant to collect the
same where he hath ~~paid~~ ^{of sum of} one hundred and twenty pound
there still Remains the sum of thirty pounds one shilling and
a pence of Bills of publick Credit of this province of the
last tenor part thereof in arrears the said A B has not
paid the same nor orderly discharged himself from the same
these are therefore in his Majesties name to will and Require
you to Levy by Distress and sale of the estate Real
and personal of the said A B Being a Defective Const
the afore said sum of thirty pounds one shilling and
one pence or equivalent thereto in Bills of publick
Credit in this province of the last tenor and emit
and bring the same unto the Town Treasurer of
Bedford ^{by order} forthwith Rendering the over plusse Remaining
upon such sale if any there be to the said A B Const if
none off his estate sufficient to discharge the same
can be found by you than you are to commit him
to his Majesties goal in the same County there to
Remain ~~it~~ til he has paid the afore said sum in arrears
as afore said with the charges this shall be your
sufficient warrant for your Doings there in given
under my hand and seal at Bedford this twenty & third
day of September in seventeenth year of his Majesties
~~same~~ Reign anno 9^o Domini 1744 J B Treasur

1744

Bedford April the 20th 1744

having Rec^d citations from the ^{selectmen of} Town of Concord
Woburn Billerica and Lexington in order to preambulate
the line betw^{en} the above 3 Towns and the Town of
Bedford in observance thereto the selectmen met and
appointed severall persons for that service

~~namely~~ Namely De^c Job Lane & Col John Lane to meet
with Billericas Comt^{tee} on the fifteenth day of May 1744
which Comt^{tee} joyned with Billericas Comt^{tee} in running
the Lines and Renewing the Marks

also Cot Nathaniel Paige & Israel Putnam to be a
Comt^{tee} to meet Woburns Comt^{tee} on the th twenty
seventh day of April 1744 which Comt^{tee} joyned with
Woburns Comt^{tee} in Running the Lines & Renewing
the Marks

also Mr John Meriam David Tayler to be a Comt^{tee} to
mee Concord's Comt^{tee} on the twenty third day of
April 1744 which Comt^{tee} by thire return joyned
with Concord's Comt^{tee} in Running the Lines and
Renewing the marks

also Israel Putnam & Stephen Jarvis to be a
Comt^{tee} to meet Lexingtons Comt^{tee} on the
twenty seventh day of April 1744 which
Comt^{tee} joyned with Lexingtons Comt^{tee} in Running
the Lines & Renewing the marks

1745
 Bedford March the 4th 1744/5

a General Town meeting legally as appears by the
 Return of our Constables Warrants and accepted

Obed Abbott Grand Juror

S^r Joseph Kitch Moderator

Israel Putnam Town Clerk

Israel Putnam

Col John Lane

Selectmen Benjamin Kitcher

Jns John Meriam

S^r Joseph Kitch

Town Treasurer John Whitmer sworn

Const Jeremiah Kitch

Henry Harrington sworn

Dea Job Lane

of highw^{ay} Job Lane J^r sworn

Surveyor Daniel Heartwell

Zacchariah Kitch

Bything Hugh Maxwell

with Job Lane J^r sworn

Set of waits Cor^d Nathl^l Pigg J^r sworn

~~Walter Pollard~~

Timothy Heartwell

five viewers Job Lane J^r sworn

Walter Pollard

herbiffs Nathanil Meriam sworn

2^d It is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
 let the swine go at large this year under the Regallation
 of the Law. Voted in the affirmative

3^d It is to see to see the mind of the Town whether they will
 abate James Wheelers Rates that are ^{now} kind
 Voted in the Negative

123 Bedford April the 9th 1745
the selectmen agreed ^{to give} ~~with~~ Mansfield for taking
care of the meetinghouse till the 14th Day of March
next for 1-15^s-0 old Tennon

- Bedford May the 14th 1745
- the selectmen ~~men~~ met and appointed a Town
meeting to be on the twenty first Day of
May at two of the Clock in the afternoon
first A^rs to see the minds of the Town whether
they will send a Representative to the grate
and generall Cort this presant year
- 2^d A^rs to see the minds of the town how much
money they will grant for highways
this presant year
- 3^d A^rs to see the mind of the Town what method
they will go on in Repairing and mending
the highways this presant ~~year~~ year
- 4th A^rs to see the minds of the Town whether
they give Col John Lane Liberty to work out
his highway Rate this presant year between his
own house and the Contry Rode
- 5th A^rs to see the minds of the Town whether
they will change the highway formerly laid
out through Williams heartwells Land, said
way to turn and go by or near the house of
Zacheriah Hitches

Committed to the Treasurer March 17,

one Bond from James Lane junr
 one Ditto from John Page
 one Ditto from Nathaniel Page
 one Ditto from Deacon Davis

Amman Parker from Billerica Taken in by Thomas Page

March 4th 1772 man apprentice

Thomas Lloyd from Boston Taken in by Thomas Page

November 5th 1773

Bedford May the 2st 1745

a general Town meeting Legally warned as app
appears by the Return of our Cons. warrants and
accepted

Col John Lane Moderator
first str gs to see the minds of the Town whether
they will send a Representative to the grate
and general Cort this presant year
voatted in the Negative

2^d str gs to see the minds of the Town how ^{much} money
they will grant for highways this presant year
voatted sixty pounds old Tenor 60-0-0

3^d str gs to see the minds of the Town wha method
they will go on in Repairing and mending the
highways this presant year

voatted eight shillings pr day for a man the three
months in the summer time; and six shillings pr
day in september and from september to the
first of march four shillings pr day
proposd that the highway Rate be made in a pertickular
Colum by yt self and committed to the Cons; and a Coppee
of the Rate drawn off and committed to the
survayor of the highway and every man shall
have libirty to work by Lawful warning; and
in case he do not work out his Rate the wole
of the Remainder shall be committed to the Cons
to be gathered in money as is exprist in the ^{List} Cons
and if any man be caused to work more than his Rate
he shall have Credit for it the next year
voatted in the affirmative
votted that oxen and Cart be allowed as
formerly

124th 4th 1745th Art is to see the mind of the town whether they
will give Col John Lane Liberty to work out
his highway Rate this present year between
his own house and the Contry Road
Votted in the affirmative

5th Art is to see the mind of the town whether
they change the highway formerly laid out
through William Heartwells Land said way to turn
and go by or near the house of Zachariah Kitches
beginning at the south end of an ~~old~~ ditch near
the east end of a cartian causeway and so on the
westerly side of said ditch til it comes to Zachariah
Kitches pasture and so on through said Kitches Land
on the fore side of S Kitches house near a strait
line to the highway through Cap Careys Land
Votted in the affirmative

Bedford January the 24th 1745/6

an account of the orders for the year 1745

to Jeremiah Kitch Const

Col John Lane Rec	an order for making	^{Rates} 1-13-9
Benjamin Kinder	an order for making	^{Rates} 1-4-0
Job Lane gr	an order for y ^e seleshnen	^{Expences} 1-9-10
Zacke Ketch	for sondres	1-0-11
the wd Meriam and	order for Rott	26-0-0
Mr Whitmor Recd	an order	1-0-0
gn Meriagn Recd	for sarvis and tobacco	14-0-0
Putnam Recd	for wood	1-19-0
Let Kitch		0-18-6
Putnam		5-10-0
Mansfeild		1-15-0
Francis Willison		0-5-0

Bedford 1745⁵ October 11th 1745

The selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be on the 21st day of October Corrant at one of the clock in the afternoon first Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town how much they will give the Revd Mr Nicholas Bowes the presant year by Reason of the moneys being sunk in its Valluation since his settlement with us in the Gosple ministry

2^d Ar^t is to see the minds of Town whether they will grant a school Rate this presant year and if they will than how much

3^d Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town where they will have the schoole kept this presant year

4th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Choose a committee to provide a schoole master this presant year

5th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will grant a Town Rate to defrey Town Charges this presant year

6th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town what method they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes ^{was} this year

7th Ar^t is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give James Wheeler two pounds seven shilling and eleven pence or Tenor his presant Circumstances are such that he earnestly desires it

- Bedford October the 21st 1745
 a Town Meeting. Legally ^{warranted} as appears by the
 Return of our Cons warrants and accepted
 Cos John Lane Moderator
- 1st fr^{ts} go to see the minds of the Town how much
 money they will give the Revd Mr Nicholas
 Bowes this present year by Reason of ~~the~~ the
 money being sunk in its valuation since
 his settlement with us in the gospel ministry
 voated Eighty Pounds old Tenor - 80-0-0
- 2^d fr^{ts} go to see the minds of the Town whether
 they will grant a Schoole Rate this year
 and if they will then how much
 voated twenty pounds old Tenor 20-0-0
- 3^d fr^{ts} go to see the minds of the Town where they will
 have the schoole kept this present year
 voated the schoole to be kept in the schoolehouse
- 4th fr^{ts} go to see the mind of the Town whether they
 will choose a com^{tee} to provide a schoolemaster
 this present year
 voated that Marsi Obed Abbott Josiah Bacon
 and Nathaniel Paige be a com^{tee} for that service
- 5th fr^{ts} go to see the minds of the Town whether
 they will grant a Town Rate to defray Town
 Charges this present year
 voated fifty pounds old Tenor 50-0-0
- 6th fr^{ts} go to see the minds of the Town what method
 they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes wood
 this year voated ~~to~~ to go on the same method
 that was the last year

19.7
voted that Israel Putnam and Job Lane the 3rd
be a committee for that service
7th At go to see the minds of the Town whether they
will give games Wheeler two pounds seven shillings
and eleven pence old Tenor his present circumstances
are such that he earnestly desires
voted that the article Relating games Wheeler
be continued till the next March meeting
at March meeting voted in the negative

Reuben Ball came to Bedford, Sept^r 1779 - from Concord taken in by
William Page

Anna Manning of Charlestown came to Town
taken in by Asa Sargent

Sarah Parker came to Bedford April 4th 1781 from
Billerica taken in by Thomas Page not certain who their corporate local
Jesse Simonds & Elizabeth his Wife, with their Family
removed from Woburn to Bedford June 4th 1781 their Children
are, Elizabeth, Concord, Jesse, Mary, Nancy, and John

Samuel Wilson and Wife, with their Family came to Town
from Billerica April 4th 1781 - taken in by Lemuel Blodgett

John Wheeler and wife from Haverhill taken in by James
Willson with one child and Sarah in October 1782

Reuben Wheeler taken in by John Wheeler from Haverhill
about October or November 1782

John Walton from Amherst in New Hampshire taken in
by Benjamin Hutchinson June 22th 1782

Arden Priest from New York taken in by Michael Bacon

Mr. Carver and family from Billerica taken in by Francis Brown
his Husband then in Continental Army and on his return, 1782

and on his return from the army came to his family
Reuben had from Woburn taken in by Jeremiah Blodgett
" The year 1782

Anna Manning and wife and family from Billerica taken in by Joseph
Otis in May 1783

1745
an account of the Rates for year 1745
the province tax this year is sixty nine pounds
and there is committed to Jeremiah Titch Const^{able}
Collect of ~~the~~ tax forty one pounds three ^{pence} & eleven 41-3-11
and to Henry Harrington of ~~the~~ tax 27-16-1
69-0-0

and Harrington is over charged in the province
tax three pounds fourteen pence and tenor 3-0-10
the County Rate this year is three pounds
nineteen shillings and nine pence last emitted 3-19-9
and there is committed to Jeremiah Titch Const^{able} of ~~the~~ tax 2-9-10
and to Harrington Const^{able} is committed of ~~the~~ tax 1-13-8
and the over place in ~~the~~ County in Harrington ^{hand} 0-11-0
of tenor

the Minister & Town & School Rate this year
is two hundred fifty six pounds thirteen shillings
and three pence 256-13-3
and there is committed to Jeremiah Titch
Const^{able} of ~~the~~ tax one hundred fifty four pounds
sixteen shillings & nine pence of Tenor 154-16-9
and to Harrington Const^{able} of ~~the~~ tax is
committed one hundred & one pounds sixteen
shillings and six pence of Tenor 101-16-6

the ~~the~~ arears that are cometed to Jeremiah Titch
of ~~the~~ Highway Rate is 2-7-7
The Remancer of the Wood tax to be collected by
Jeremiah Titch Const^{able} is 2-19-2

The Remancer of the Wood tax to be collected by
Henry Harrington Const^{able} is 3-7-1
75

Mary Row came to James Williams
 22nd of January 1745/6

March the 7/1746. A grees With John Manly
 The Selectmen

To Taking Care of the meeting house till 14 of
 march next for the sum of £1¹⁵ 00 old tenners

A count of Townseets Being in the hands of several
 Delinquent Constables

Eliaser Davis	4 ¹⁵ 6
Francis Willson	1 ² 8
Joseph Meeds 0 ³ 0	Benjamin Bacon 4 ⁴ 3
Zacriah Fitch	1 ⁰³ 0
John Page	12 ¹⁶ 00
Josiah Davis	29 ⁰⁰ 0
Jeremiah Fitch	47 ⁴ 4
Heneri Herington	29 ¹⁰ 8

Generall orders

Heneray Heranton	£ 0 ¹⁶ 6
Josiah Daves	1 ⁰ 0
Simond Hertwill for keeping school	1 ⁶ 6
John Hartwill for keeping school	1 ¹³ 6

Bedford March the 3/1745/6

A General Town meeting Legaly warned as appears by the
Return of our Constables Warrants and Accepted

David Tayler Grand Juror

Dea^r Lane Moderator

John Whitmore Town Clerk

John Whitmore

Col John Lane

Richard Whelov

Select men Benjamin Flutchenson

Isreal Putmon

Town Treasurer Oliver Abbott sworn

Josiah Fasset

Const Stephen Davis sworn

Walter Pollard

Survivors of Benjamin Fitch

Highways John Meriam sworn

John Moss

Fithenmen Michial Bacon

Zachariah Fitch sworn

Fewens vers Josiah Bacon sworn

Josiah Davis sworn

Relar of wats and mgurs Corⁿ Nathaniel Page Junr sworn

hogribs John Lane Junr sworn

Jonathan Wolley / Josiah Davis sworn

It is to see the minds of the town whether they will let the wine go
t large this present year under the regulation of the Law voted for the
permitue

Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give
Liberty to sundry persons to work out their hi way rate the next year that
was made the last June and comited to daniel hartwell furnaier late of
Bedford and by reason of his sickness and death we had
not seasonable oportunety to work upon the a permitue

Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
give Liberty to those families that live upon the Lane that
was Mr William hartwells Decest to work out the areary of
their highway rate betwene the said Sarah Hartwells and Jose
Bacon as the way is now troven Past for the a permitue

5th Art Is to see the mind of the Town whether they will allow William Teartwills rates for the year 1745 by reason of his being weak in body and it was put to vote and it passed in the Negative

May the 12/1746

The Selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be on May the nineteenth at three of the Clock in the afternoon.

First Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will send a Representative to the Grate and General Court This Present year

2^d Art Is to see the minds of the Town how much Money they will grant for the Highways this present year

3^d Art Is to see the mind of the Town what method they will go on for Repairing and mending the highways this Present year

May the 19/1746 A General Town meeting Legally worn
 As appeareth by the Return of our Cons. Warrants and
 accepted Dea. Job Lane Moderator
 1st Art Is to see the minds of the Town Whether they will send
 A Representative to the Grate and General Court this present
 year Voted In the negative
 2^d Art Is to see the minds of the Town how much money they
 Will Grant for the Highways This present year
 Voted fifty pounds 50/ old tenor
 3^d Art Is to see the minds of the Town What method they will
 go on in Repairing and mending the highways this present year
 Voted to go on in the same method that we did the Last year
 and the same pay wages and the same for oxen and Cart

Before August the 11/1746
 A Town meeting Legally worn as appeareth by the Return
 of our Cons. Warrants and accepted
 Mr. Benimain Kidder Moderator
 1st Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will go on in
 repairing Thomas Wollers way throu his Land that he has
 Petitioned to the Sessions for a Recompens said Wollers
 Demand is one hundred pounds old tenor and his charge
 The Town chose a Comity Let Joseph Fitch mediated A Ball
 John Mors to a Gree With Thomas Wollers concerning a high
 way other method to a Comitate Stephen Duns and Joseph
 Wollers with a way to the Publick worship and make Return
 on said argument paid meeting adjourned to the 22/ of this
 instant August at five of the Clock in the after noon to the place
 2^d Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give
 Thomas Wollers one hundred pounds old tenor Voted In the
 negative
 3^d Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give
 Wollers this Charge at Court by a petition voted In the affirmative

- Art 4 The town and Thomas Wolley agreed to Chuse a
 Comunity of three men Cap Benimain Reed de Samuel
 Haywood Cap Enoch Kidder To Look In to the furcom^{on}
 and valey the Damiges of a ferten Rode or way throug
 Thomas Wolley Land voted In the affermetime
- 5 It was put to vote to know the minds of the Town
 Whether the Selectmen shal wate on the Comunity In the affa
 and enter In to Bonds and Take Bonds of submission
 voted In the affermetime

Taken up and strad as the Law Directs By de Job
 Lane of Bedford Two stiers one Judged to be coming
 four years old of a yake red and white with a flit
 In the nere ear apprised at forten pounds old
 The other a Brown Coler Judged to be coming three
 years old some white In his fore head and a flit In
 his nere ear and a notch In his of ear and sum
 white on one of his hinde Legs apprised at
 Eight pounds old tener December the 1/1746

Taken up and strays By Joniah Bacon of Bedford a fma
 Black maar with sum whit In her fore head and a fadde
 spot on her Back ueny aged and sum Laine apprised at two
 December ye 31/1747 pounds ten shillings old tener

35 October the 7 / 1740

The selectmen met and appointed a town meeting to be on Monday the twentieth of this instant October at one o'clock in the afternoon

Art Is to see the minds of the Town how much they will give the Reverend Mr Nicholas Bowes this present year By Reason of the moneys being sank in its Valluation since his settlement with us in the Gospel ministry

Art Is to see the mind of the Town whether they will grant a Town Rate to Defray town Charges this present year and a schoole

Art Is to see the mind of the Town wheare they will have the schoole kept this present year

Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a Comunity to provide a schoole master this present year

Art Is to see the minds of the town what method they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes Wood this year

October the twentieth / 1746 / a Town meeting Legally Warned as appears by the Return of our Const^{ble} Warrants and accepted Mr Obed Abbott Moderator

Art Is to see the minds of the Town how much they will give The Reverend Nicholas Bowes this present year By reason of the moneys being sank in its valluation since his settlement with us in the gospel ministry

Voted ninety pounds this present year £ 90.00.00
Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will give a Town Rate to Defray town Charges this present year and a schoole: Voted one hundred pounds to defray town Charges
Art Is to see the minds of the Town wheare £ 100.00.00

They will have the schoole kept this present year
Voted the schoole to be kept at the schoole house this year
Art Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will choose a Comunity to provide a schoole master this present year
Voted Josiah Meram Corn: John Paige and Mr Josiah Fasset Be a Comunity for that service

Art Is to see the mind of the town what method they will go on in Relating Mr Bowes Wood this year

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Voted said Wood Be thirteen shillings per Cord and
The wood Be brought to Mr Bowes by the first day of
January and they that do not bring the air wood
By that time shall pay the air money
Voted that de gseral Putman and Jobe Lane ters
Be a Commatt To provide the Remainder of the Wood

An account of the Rates for the year 1746
The Province Tax this year Is sixty six p^{one} shilling 6^{one} p^{one}
and there Is Comitted to Josiah Hassett Const 39^{one} 17^{one} 8^{one}
And there Is Committed to Stephen Davis Const 26^{one} 3^{one} 4^{one}
and Const Davis has fourteen shillings and three pence
In his hands more then he Is orderd to pay the Province
Last Emison.

The County Rate this year Is fore pounds one pence
And there Is Committed to Josiah Hassett Const 2^{one} 8^{one} 13^{one}
And there Is Committed to Stephen Davis Const 1^{one} 11^{one} 10^{one}
And Const Davis has two shillings and five pence
In his hands more then he Is orderd to pay the County
Last Emison.

An account of the Townrate this year Besides hiway
Rate and Mr Boes Is wood Is Const £ 290^{one} 00^{one} 00^{one}
and there Is Committed to Josiah Hassett 176^{one} 10^{one} 9^{one}
and there Is Committed to Stephen Davis Const 119^{one} 5^{one} 8^{one}
all In old tenur

The Remander of the Hiway Rate which was Not work^{out}
Committed to Josiah Hassett Const the sum of £ 1. 8^{one} 0^{one}
Committed to Stephen Davis Const the sum of 6^{one} 6^{one} 11^{one}
Allocated to Const Stephen Davis the sum of 2^{one} 5^{one} 3^{one}
The deft of Mr Boes Wood In Stephen Davis hands Is 5^{one} 13^{one} 0^{one}

The Remander of the Wood Rate
Committed to Const Josiah Hassett 5^{one} 2^{one} 5^{one}

An account of the Orders Given out for the year

Col John Lane for making Rats and a Shurt Cloth	3 ¹¹ 18 ⁰⁰
Mr Benia Hutch for making Rats and Tobacco	1 ¹¹ 14 ⁰⁰
de Israel Putman for making Rats and other serves	2 ¹¹ 14 ⁰⁰
Mr Richard Wheller for making Rats	0 ¹¹ 16 ⁰⁰
John Whitmore for making Rats and other serves	4 ¹¹ 18 ⁰⁰
to Timothy Hartwell for Bording a school master	3 ⁰⁰ 11 ⁰⁰
To John Whitmore	0 ¹¹ 17 ⁰⁰
To Job Lane Junr	0 ¹¹ 3 ⁰⁰
To Walter Pollard	
To the W ^o Meriam for Keeping Roof ^{year} me	28 ¹¹ 12 ⁰⁰
To John Mansfeld for taking Care of the meeting house	1 ¹¹ 15 ⁰⁰
To Obed Abbott	3 ⁰⁰ 00 ⁰⁰
To de Israel Putman	9 ¹¹ 00 ⁰⁰
To Job Lane the 3	7 ¹¹ 05 ⁰⁰
To Dece Putman for mending the Glass	3 ¹¹ 16 ⁰⁰
To Mr Stephen Davis for Keeping School	11 ¹¹ 00 ⁰⁰
To Mr Thomas Wolley	8 ¹¹ 09 ⁰⁰

Orders for the year 1747 ^{Stener}

Col John Lane	9 ¹¹ 15 ⁰⁰
de Putman	3 ¹¹ 18 ⁰⁰
Richard Weeller	3 ¹¹ 7 ⁰⁰
Mary Meriam	44 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Nathanel Paige Junr	2 ¹¹ 14 ⁰⁰
Nathanel Paige Junr	4 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
John Whitmore	4 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Cor Nathanel Paige	0 ¹¹ 7 ⁰⁰
John Whitmore	6 ¹¹ 18 ⁰⁰
John Job Lane Junr	2 ¹¹ 4 ⁰⁰
John Mon	0 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Cor Nathanel Paige Junr	15 ¹¹ 4 ⁰⁰
Nathanel Paige Junr	5 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Walter Powers	2 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Joiah Fasset	0 ¹¹ 10 ⁰⁰
Richard Wheallen	3 ¹¹ 14 ⁰⁰
Walter Pollard	6 ¹¹ 17 ⁰⁰
John Mansfeld	2 ¹¹ 00 ⁰⁰
Obed Abbott	3 ¹¹ 00 ⁰⁰
de Israel Putnam	2 ¹¹ 18 ⁰⁰
John Meriam	2 ¹¹ 5 ⁰⁰
John Whitmore	0 ¹¹ 19 ⁰⁰
Richard Weecolor	16 ¹¹ 5 ⁰⁰

Bedford March the 12/1747 then the selectmen agreed with Rachel Mansfield the wife of John Mansfield to take care of the meeting house til the 14 day of March next for forty shillings of tender

An account of several Oets owed to the town Delivered to the Town Treas: March the 20/1747

Jeremiah Fitch 02 19 00

Henry Herington 03 10 00

Remanders of the Wood tax in those constables

Stephen Davis 03 13 00

Josiah Hasset 05 02 05

Reentering Cosons at the Persons

Frances Willson 00 11 04 11 00

Jams Willson 00 04 00

Josiah Davis 00 11 04 11 00

March the 11/1747 an account of sundry orders

Stephen Davis for the keeping school 11 3 0

Stephen Davis 2 5 13

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Befor March the 2 day / 1747

A General Town Meeting Legaly Worned as
appears by the Return of our Constable Warrantes
and Accepted / Cor^r Nathaniel Paige Jun^r Grand Juror
Dei: Job Lane, Moderator

rt / town obs^r John Whitmore: Town Clerk

Select John Whitmore
men De Israel Putnam
Col John Lane
Mr Ricard Wheeler
Cor Nathaniel Paige Jun^r

Town Trsr: Obed Abbott Sworn

Samuel Duten
Survrs of John Paige
Nathaniel Meriam Sworn
Highways Josiah Davis

Rithen men John Bacon
John Moors Sworn

Tens vers Beniamen Bacon Sworn
John Tasset

Sceler of wats and me suers Cor Nathaniel Paige the 2
Arg: rep^t Job Lane the 3^d Sworn
William Ramons

Constables Job Lane Jun^r
Stephen Hartwell
Sworn

Concerning Decor
Cp^r Jams Lane
Lat Joseph Fitch Sworn

Sceler of Lether Beniamen Bacon
Sworn

Itz Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
the swine go at large. This present year under the
Regulations of the Laws voted that the swine go at large
this present year under the Regulations of the Laws

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Seth Putnam & his family warned out of Town & Caution
Entred at march Court on y^e Second Tuesday of March Anno Domini 1751.

Henry Hilee & his family warned out of this Town and
Caution Entred at Concord Court on the Last Tuesday of Aug^r. A.D. 1751.

Susanna Clark was warned out of this Town and y^e Caution
Entred at Concord Court on the Last Tuesday of August A.D. 1749.

Timothy Fletcher & family was warned out of Town & y^e Caution
Entred at Charlestown Court on adjournment to y^e Third Tuesday of Jan^y. 1751.

Lucy Barthrick was warned out of Town & y^e Caution Entred at
Charlestown Court on adjournment to y^e Third Tuesday of Jan^y. 1749.

Joseph Temple & family warned out of Town & Caution Entred
at Concord Court, on y^e last Tuesday of August Anno Domini 1750.

Lucy Barthrick & her Child, warned out of Town, & Caution Entred
at Concord Court, on y^e last Tuesday of August. Anno Domini 1750.

Hebekah Dixon warned out of Town and the Caution Entred
at Concord Court, on the first Tuesday of September A.D. 1751.

Adam Caldwell & family warned out of Town, and Caution Entred
at Concord Court, on the first Tuesday of September. Anno Domini 1752.

Doreas Wood warned out of Town, and Caution Entred at Concord
Court on the first Tuesday of September Anno Domini 1752.

Increase Wyman & family, warned out of Town and Caution
Entred at Charlestown Court, on the second Tuesday of December A.D. 1753.

Larnod Bowers, warned out of Town, and Caution Entred
at Cambridge Court, on the Third Tuesday of May A.D. 1756.

Clarke, Thomas and Sarah his wife, and Robert the Apiece, was warned
out of Town & Caution Entred at Concord Court on the first Tuesday of May 1753.

Margaret Willken warned out of Town & Caution Entred at
Charlestown Court, on the second Tuesday of December A.D. 1759.

Benajah Rice was warned out of Town & Caution Entred at Charlestown
Court, on adjournment from y^e Second Tuesday of March, to the Third Tuesday
of April. A.D. 1758.

Hannah Blood was warned out of Town & Caution Entred at Charlestown
Court, on the Second Tuesday of December Anno Domini 1758.

Beacon April the 25th 1747

The select men of Beacon Being notified By the select men of Woburn to join in Running the Line and Renewing the marks Be taken sworn on the tenth day of this present April the select men appointed Mr Nathaniel Paige and Mr Joseph Lane to meet Woburn Committee and they meet and Run the Line and Renewed the marks

Beacon April the 25th / The select men meet and Having Received notifications from the Town of Concord and from the Town of Lexington in the Town of Billerica in order to Prorogate the Lines Between the Town of Beacon and the above said Towns In observance here to the select men appointed De Israel Putnam and Richard Wheelock to meet with Concord Committee on the 27 day of April 1747 which Committee By their Return Joined with Concord Committee in Running the Lines and Renewing the marks

Also Mr Nathaniel Paige^{sr} and Mr Thomas Wolcott to Be a Committee to meet Lexington Committee on the 27 day of April 1747 said Wolcott and John Whitmore in the Behalf of said Paige Joined with Lexington Committee in Running the Lines and Renewing the marks

Also Mr John Lane and John Whitmore to Be a Committee to meet with Billerica Committee on the 2^d day of May 1747 which Committee Joined with Billerica Committee in Running the Line and Renewing the marks John Whitmore Town Clerk

Nathanael Whittemore & his Family was warned out of Town and Caution Entred at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of March A^d 1759.

David Dunton was warned out of Town and Caution Entred at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of December A^d 1759.

Abigail Prentiss & her Child was warned out of Town and Caution Entred at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of December A^d 1759.

Samuel Whitaker & Jonas Whitaker were warned out of Town and Caution Entred at Cambridge Court on the third Tuesday of May A^d 1760.

David Dunton was warned out of Town and Caution Entred at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of December A^d 1760.

Increase Hyman & his family was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on Tuesday the first Day of Sept^r A^d 1763

Timothy Johnson & his family was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on Tuesday the first Day of Sept^r A^d 1763

Elizabeth Gould was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Cambridge Court on the third Tuesday Mayth 1763

Elizabeth Procter was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on the first Tuesday of September A^d 1763

Jeremiah Blood was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on the first Tuesday of Sept^r A^d 1763

Lannah Butten was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of December A^d 1763

Richard Foster & Abigail Foster Sarah Adams & Jane Williams was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Charlestown Court on the second Tuesday of March A^d 1764

James Sumner & his family was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Cambridge Court on the third Tuesday Mayth 1764

Samuel Blanchard was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Cambridge Court on the third Tuesday of May A^d 1764

Lucy Wheeler was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on the first Tuesday of September 1764

John Jewett was warned out of town & Caution Entered at Concord Court on the second Tuesday of September 1765

Nathaniel Duncelle & his family Cautioned against in March 1766

John Thorning & his family Cautioned against in March 1766

Nathan Tidd Cautioned against in March A^d 1766

John Jarvis & his wife Cautioned against in May A^d 1766

William Sumner was Cautioned against in May A^d 1766

Lucy Whitewith was Cautioned against in May A^d 1766

Samson Crosby & his family Cautioned against September A^d 1766

Nicholas Sprague & his family was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

Judah Wright was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

William Bloodet was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

Levi Blanchard was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

Josiah Blanchard was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

Samuel Conrey was Cautioned against in March A^d 1767

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May the twenty second 1747 A town meet
Ing Legaly Warned as appears By the Return
of our Cons.^t Warrants and accepted Col John Lane
Moderator

rt. 1 Is to see the mind of the Town Whether They
Will send a Representative to the Grate and Gene
ral Cort this Present year Voted In the Negative

rt. 2 Is to see the mind of the Town How much money
They Will Grant for the Repairing the high ways
This Present year Voted Eighty pounds old tender $\frac{1}{2}$ of

rt. 3 Is to see the mind of the Town What method they
Will Go on In Repairing and mending the high ways
this present year voted the three summer months Be twel
ve shillings per day the month of September nine shillings per
Day the Remaining time to the first of march six shillings
per day one pair of oxen five shillings per day a Cart
one shilling and six pence per day old tender The same
method In other Respects Relating to High ways that
Was the two Last years

November the 29/1731/2 the select men met and agreed to Lay
out a Road Leading or Beginning at the Cuntry Roads Leading from
Concord to Billreca Beginning at a Whit oak tree nere Joseph
Fitches House throu D. Fitchs Land on his souther Line to the
Soder Swamp

4/ To see the minds of the Town Whether they Will Exchange
The a Boue said way on the other sid of D Line on the Land
Now In the Improvement of mr William Hastens said way to be
one pole and half wide D rise of said way Is Nine pounds
old tender allowing D Hastens Liberty for gats or Bars for
the space of fore year from the date here of and No longer
the a Boue said Exchange considered by the Town and the
Town voted mr William Hastens nine pounds old tender
as a full satisfaction for the above said way and of the
Above said William Hastens do acknowledge my self fully satis
fied and Content find scales and delivered In presen
of John Meriam William Hastings
C. D. Fitch

September the fortieth 1747

The select men met and appointed a town meeting
To Be on Wednesday the fortieth day of October
Current at one of the Clock in the after noon

- 1^{art}: Is to see the minds of the Town how much they
Will Give the Reard. Mr Bows this present year
By Reason of the moneys Being sank in its Wallation
and his setel ment with us in the Gospel ministry
- 2^{art}: Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
Grant a Town Rate to defray Town Charges and
a school this present year
- 3^{art}: Is to see the minds of the Town wheain they
Will have the school kept this present year
- 4^{art}: Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
Choose a Cominity to provide a school master this
Present year
- 5^{art}: Is to see the minds of the Town whot me thoe
they will go on in Relating to Mr Bows
Is Wool this present year

Increase When was Questioned Against in Novemb. 1767

October the fourteenth 1747 a Town meeting Legally
 Worned as appears by the Return of our Constables
 Warrants and Accepted Decr: Job Lane Moderator
 1 Art: Is to see the mind of the Town how much they will Give
 The Rem^d: Nicholas Bows this present year By Reason
 of the monys Being sink in its ualluation sens his
 settlement With us in the Gospel ministry
 Voted two hundred pounds obotener this present year 200
 2 Art: Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will Grant
 a Town Rate to Defray Town Charges and a school £
 This present year Voted one hundred and fifty pounds 150
 3 Art: Is to see the minds of the Town wheair they will
 Have the school Kept this present year
 Voted the school to Be Cept in the school hous this year
 4 Art: Is to see the mind of the Town Whether they will
 Chuse a Comunity to Prouid a school master this present
 year Voted m^rs: obed Abbott Paul Raymond and
 Bengimen Kidder to Be a Comunity for that seruis
 5 Art: Is to see the minds of the Town What method they
 Will Go on in Relating to the Rem^d: m^r: Bows
 Wood this present year Voted m^r: Bows Wood be one
 Pound fore shillings ^{old tene} Pur Cord this year and Brought ^{to m^r}
 By the first of Janu^{ua}ry next and they that do not
 Bring there wood By the above p^r time shall pay
 there money and Cor^r: Nathanel Paige Jun^r to prouid
 The Remander of the wood at the above said Price

An a Count of the Rats for the year 1747

The Province Tax this year Is Ninety two Pounds five shillings

And there Is Comitted to Job Lane Const. 54 119 06

And there Is Comitted to ~~Job Lane~~ Const. Heartwell 37 10 06

and Const Lane Is fourteen shillings ^{and 8 pence} over Charged In province

The County Rate Is two pounds seventeen shillings & one penny

and Job Lane has Comited unto him In Oldtiner 6 14 04

and there Is Comited to Stephen Hartwell In oldtiner 4 14 00

and Const. Lane has In his hands five and six pence oldtiner 0 5 06

The Town Rate this year Is

and there Is Comited To Const. Job Lane 453 9 8

Said Lane Is allowed for his being over

Charged In the Province tax

and there Is Comitted to Stephen Hartwell Const. 185 2 04

The Remandor of the hiway Rate Comited

to Job Lane Const. Is 1 12 10

all so to Stephen Hartwell Const. 1 5 09

The remandor of the Wood Rate for Job Lane Const.

go Collect - 10 17 08

all go for Stephen hartwel Const. to Collect 9 8 04

march the 11/1747 an account of the a Rers

In Stephen Davis hands delivered to the Presur. 4 15 03

Sumtotal — £ 518 14 9

Before March the 7/ 1747

A General Town Meeting Legaly Worned as a
Appears By the Return of our Constables Warran^{ts}
and accepted Mr Thomas Wolley Chose Gran Juror
see Job Lane Moderator

Articl to John Whitmore Town Clerk sworn
Chuse Town officers

John Whitmore de Israel Putnam select men Lt Joseph Fitch Richard Wheeler John Merriam	Timothy Hartwell / sworn Constables John Fasset / sworn Relating to Jams Lane sworn to deear Lt Joseph Fitch sworn
Town Treasur: Beniamen Kicker / sworn	seclor of wats and mesag or Nathaniel Page Junr sworn
Suruars of high ways John Lane Junr Josiah Fasset all sworn Joseph Meeds Henry Herington	seclor of Beniamen Bacon; sworn Lether
Tithing men Job Lane the 3 sworn Jerimah Fitch sworn	
Fens vers Samuel Wolley sworn Josiah Davis sworn	
Rog Reafs John Lane, the 3 sworn Joseph Willson sworn	

Art: Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will let
the swine go at Large this present year under the
Regulations of the Law Noted In the Affirme live

Art: Is to see the minds of the Town whether they will
accept of the way that the select men have Lay out
Begining at the Rod on the Line Between William Reddy
and Timothy Hartwell and so running over the River un
til It comes In to the Road Leading to Lexington In case
the Purliouers Purchase the Land for said way

Voted In the Negative
At said meeting the Town accepted the Box for to
Chuse Jury men as the select men had prepared it

May the sixteenth 1744

A Town meeting Legally warned as appears by
the Return of our Const. Sheriffs and accounts
of Jacob Putnam moderator for a meeting.

part¹ To see the minds of the Town whether they
will send a Representative to the Great and General
Court this present year Voted In the affirmative
part² To see the minds of the Town how much money they
will grant for the Repairing the high ways this
Present year Voted one hundred pounds sterling £100.

part³ To see the minds of the Town what method they
will go on in Repairing and mending the high ways
this Present year Voted the Three summer months be
fourteen shillings Each man per day
The month of September Eleven shillings per day
The Remainder of time till the first of March Eight
shillings per day Voted that Oxen Be six shillings
Each yoke Per day and a Cart two and six pence per day
The above Sums all in old tenor

Voted that the Highway Rate Be made By list
and a Copy thereof Taken of and Committed to the
Surveyors of the high ways and Every man shall
have Liberty to work out this Rate By List full
Morning and they that do not work out there Rate
The whole or the Remainder shall Be Committed to the
Constable to Be collected in money is he Express in the
List and if any man Becomes to work more
than his Rate he shall have Credit for the next
year Voted In the affirmative

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Bedford May the 9 / 1746 The select men met and
and appointed a Town meeting to be on Monday the
sixteenth day of this Instant May at three of the
Clock in the afternoon
1st art^e 9s to see the minds of the Town whether they will
send a Representative to the Grate and General Court
this present year
2nd art^e 9s to see the minds of the Town how much money
they will grant for the Repairing the high ways
this present year
3rd art^e 9s to see the minds of the Town what method they
will go on in Repairing and mending the high ways
this present year

Benjamin Board his wife was cautioned against Septem^r 1767.
Cory Henry Fisher was cautioned against in Septem^r 1767.
Jesse Wilson was cautioned against in Septem^r 1767.
Elizabeth Brown was cautioned against in Septem^r 1767.
Martha Belknap was cautioned against in Septem^r 1767.
Increase Winn was cautioned against in November 1767.

Timothy Blanchard & family came into Town April 10 1778
taken in by Lemuel Blanchard from Bellucia.
John Wright & family came into Town October 1778
taken in by Nehemiah Crosby
David Cotton taken in by Thaddus Davis, for Lewis until
fourteen years old, aged 8 years, from New Ipswich May 2 1780
Jas Quawro a Negro from Concord came into Town May 10 1780
Leppibath Meriam came into Town Sept 14 1779
taken in by M^r Ebenezer Page
Jonathan Ball & wife came in to Town October 4 1780
from Concord, taken in by L^y (brother of her father)
Jonas Whitaker came in to Town September 1780 from Lincoln
taken in by Jeremiah Bloss
John White & family came in to Town June 1780 from
taken in by Oliver Bacon & J^r Gleanon
Sunice Cotton came to Bedford June 1781 from New Ipswich taken in
by Thaddus Davis
William Wyman with his wife and 3 children viz Nathaniel Wyman
and Elizabeth Wyman & Asa Wyman from Bellucia taken in by Isaac Newman
in July 1781

September the 19 / 1746
 A Town meeting Legally warned and appeared by
 Nathaniel Paige Jun^r Moderator for so meeting
 Is to see the minds of the Town how much they
 Will Give the Rev^d Nicholas Bows this present
 year By Reason of the moneys Being sunk
 In its valliation for his settlement with us in
 The Gospel ministry

Is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 Will Grant a Town Rate to defray Town Char-
 ges and a school this present year

Is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 Will have the school kept this present year

Is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 Will Choose a Comodity to provide a school master
 this present year

Is to see the minds of the Town what method
 They will go on in Relating to Mr Bows
 Is want this present year

October the 7 day / 1748

A Town meeting Legally warned and appeared by
 the Return of our Const Warrants and accepted
 Nathaniel Paige Jun^r Moderator for so meeting
 Is to see the minds of the Town how much they
 Will Give the Rev^d Nicholas Bows this present
 year By Reason of the moneys Being sunk
 In its valliation for his settlement with us in
 the Gospel ministry voted Two hundred and
 forty pounds old teners an additional sum to his sa-
 ry this present year

£240 11 0000
 Out of the above said sum the Rev^d Bows
 Gives to the Town for the use of the school
 twenty pounds old teners

Is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 Will Grant a Town Rate to Defray town
 Charges and a school this present year
 Voted one hundred and fifty pounds £150=0

Is to see the minds of the Town whether they
 Will have the school kept this present
 year

Voted that the scoule Becept the one half
 of the time In the scoule hous the other half
 In the fore quarters of the town provide for In
 habitants provide plaices for a scoule to be Cest and
 fire wood with out any charge to the town said
 plaices to Be to the acceptents of the Comity
 ar^t Is to see the minds of the Town Whether they will
 Choouse a Comity to provide a scoul master
 this present year Voted mers^{ts} Thomas Woolley
 Beniamen Hutingson Christopher Paige & Josiah
 Davis to Be a Comity for that purpose
 ar^t Is to see the minds of the Town What metho
 they will go on In Relating to mr Bowser's
 wood Voted mr Bowser's wood Be Thirty five she
 lings per Cord and Brought to him By the first
 of January next and they that do not Bring
 there wood By the above said time shall pay
 theair money and for Job Lane and for Jams Lane
 & cor nathaniel Paige Jun^r to provide the remain
 dor of the wood at the above said price to be paid
 out of the Treasury

Bedford November 7th 1749

A General Town Meeting, Lawfully assembled on said Day at three o'clock in the after noon. Col. John Lane Nominated and Chosen Moderator for said meeting

1st art. To Choose a Town Clerk

Stephen Davis Chosen Town Clerk; and Sworn

2nd art. Is to See the mind of the Town whither they will Choose a Selectman. Voted in the affirmative.

Stephen Davis likewise Chosen a Selectman

An account of the Rates for the year 1748

The Province Tax this year is one Hundred & Seventy Eight Pounds, Nineteen Shillings & four pence new tenor	£ 178 19 4
Of which there is committed to John Hassel Const. Seventy five Pounds Six Shillings & nine pence new tenor	75 6 9
and to Timothy Hearwell Const. one Hundred & Three Pounds Twelve Shillings & Seven pence new tenor	103 12 7
The County Tax this year is four pounds five Shillings and six pence new tenor	4 5 6
of which is committed to said Hassel Two Pounds & five pence	2 0 5
and to said Hearwell Two pounds five Shillings & one penny new tenor	2 5 1
And there is over-plus in Const. Hearwell's Province list Eight pounds nine Shillings & ten pence old tenor	8 9 10
and in said Hearwell's County list Two pounds four Shillings and five pence old tenor	2 4 5
Committed to Constable Hearwell of the Town Rate, Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds six Shillings & two pence old tenor	280 6 2
and to Const. Hassel of said Town Rate, Two Hundred pounds seven Shillings and one penny old tenor	200 7 1
The wood Rate in said Hassel's list is Twenty pounds twelve Shillings & eleven pence old tenor	20 12 11
and in Const. Hearwell's list Twenty Eight pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence old tenor	28 13 4
The arrears of the Highway Rate committed to John Hassel Const. Six pounds ^{Thirteen} Shilling & ^{two} pence old tenor	6 13 0
The arrears of the Highway Rate committed to Timothy Hearwell Const. Six pounds Six Shillings & Seven pence old tenor	6 6 7

The Arrears of the Wood Rate for John Fasset Constable
to Collect are Seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings & Seven pence ^{0.5} ^{at} 7-17-7

The Arrears of the Wood Rate for Timothy Heartwell Constable
to Collect are Nine Pounds six Shillings & five Pence. £9-6-5

Decem^r. 20: 1748 The Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of Timothy
Heartwell Const^l Two Hundred ninety one pound & five pence ^{at} - £291-0-5
and of John Fasset Const^l Two Hundred Pounds Seven Shillings ^{one} ^{peny} 200-7-1
Feb^r. 20: 1748/9 The Town Treasurer ordered to Receive
of Timothy Heartwell Const^l fifteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings 15-13-0
and of John Fasset Const^l fourteen Pounds ten Shillings
and nine pence - 14-10-9

Mar^h 21: 1748/9 The above orders Transmitted to m^r. Obed Abbott
Town Treasurer.
also order to Receive of m^r. Stephen Heartwell a late
Const^l one Hundred ninety five Pound sixteen Shillings old tenor £195-16-0
and of Stephen Davis a late Const^l Three Pounds Eighteen
Shillings & two pence old tenor - £3-18-2
and of the Heirs of Eleazar Davis a late Const^l Decay^d Four
Pound one Shilling & six pence old tenor - £4-1-6
also on 4th Day Delivered to m^r. Abbott Town Treasurer in Cash
Thirteen Pound ten Shillings old tenor - £13-10-0

October 4th 30th 1749 m^r. Obed Abbott Town Treasurer ordered to
Receive of Waller Pollard Constable Three Hundred & fourteen ~~Pounds~~
Pound Nineteen Shillings & Eight pence old tenor - £314-19-8
and of Samuel Woolley Constable Two Hundred Thirty five Pounds
Thirteen Shillings & Three pence old tenor - £235-13-3
Gr^o. 9: 1749 The said Treasurer ordered to Demand & Receive of Waller
Pollard Const^l an arrear of 4 Highway & wood Rate fifteen Pounds
Nine Shillings & two pence old tenor - £15-9-2
and of Samuel Woolley Const^l to Ditto Twenty Pound nine Shilling 20-9-0
and of Walter Powers for entering caution against Tim^o. Fletcher - £0-8-0
and of m^r. Richard Wheeler for a Matt of Daniel Kolf - £0-5-0

Sum Total - £1,326-01-00
Jan^r. 20: 1750 m^r. Obed Abbott Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of Joseph
Heartwell Const^l Twenty six pound fifteen Shillings one penny & half ^{Laurel money} £26-15-1
and of Job Lane jun^r Const^l Thirty six pound fifteen Shillings & one penny ^{Laurel money} £36-15-1
Feb^r. 2: 1751 m^r. Obed Abbott Town Treasurer ordered to Receive of Joseph
Heartwell a late Const^l an arrear of 4 Highway & wood Rate in sum
of one pound fourteen Shillings & two pence - £1-14-7
and of Job Lane jun^r Const^l an arrear of the wood Rate in sum of one pound
and six pence half penny - £1-6-6
Sum Total - £6-5-4

The orders for the year 1748 all in old tenor

Decem ^r 5 th 1748	To John Moore for Rolfs funeral	5 12 0 +
Dec ^r 19	To Dea Israel Putnam for making Rates & other service	5 16 0 +
Dec ^r 19	To Richard Wheeler to y ^e Treas ^r for keeping Daniel Rolfs	45 00 6 +
Dec ^r 19	To Richard Wheeler to y ^e Cont ^r for keeping Rolfs & making Rates	12 12 6 +
Dec ^r 19	To Obad Abbott on account of Richard Wheeler	1 15 0 +
Dec ^r 19	To Ely. John Meriam for making Rates & Expense at Concord Court	7 10 6 +
Dec ^r 20	Town Treasurer ordered to pay to y ^e Rev ^d M ^r Bowes	320 0 0 +
Jan ^y 2: 1748/9	To Stephen Davis for keeping School. to y ^e Town Treas ^r	14 17 0 X
Feb ^r 3.	To wid. Martha Whitmore for her Husband's Service as Clerk, and going to Concord Court	3 8 0 +
Feb ^r 20	To Lieut Joseph Fitch for Searching y ^e Session Records	0 4 0 +
Feb ^r 20.	To Cor ^t Nathanael Page Jun ^r for wood to m ^r Bowes	5 18 9 +
March 6	To Lieut Joseph Fitch for Rates abated & laying out a High ^{way}	3 11 8 +
March 6	To Dea Israel Putnam for laying out y ^e way & Kents buying	0 16 0 +
March 6	To Richard Wheeler for laying out y ^e said Highway to y ^e Treas ^r	0 7 0 +
March 6	To Dea Job Lane for wood & 5-5-0 & bounding y ^e School ^{house} may 3 rd	8 5 0 +
March 6	To Stephen Davis for Service as Clerk	6 15 0 +
March 6	To Walter Pollard for Entertainment &c	11 03 0 +
March 6	To Capt. James Lane for wood for m ^r Bowes brought back y ^e way in y ^e Session	5 5 0 +
Feb ^r 20	To Josiah Bacon for half his Sons Rates abated &c	3 4 8 +
March 30: 1749	To Thomas Woolley for Preambulating line & Entering a ^{ction}	0 14 0 +
March 30.	To Jeremiah Fitch on account of Rachel Mansfield for opening & sweeping the meeting house ~ ~ ~	2 10 0 +
April 4	To Josiah Davis for bounding the Schoolmaster	3 0 0 +
April 4	To Timothy Heartwell for bounding the Schoolmaster to y ^e Treas ^r	17 0 0 +
April 3	To Stephen Davis for keeping School & bounding a fort ^{nights}	7 10 0 +
May 15:	To M ^r Joseph Butterick of Concord to y ^e Treas ^r for keeping the	31 10 00 +
Sum total		514 3 7
Decem ^r 5 th 1749	To Peter Fasset for y ^e Highway Rate for 1749 abated	00 13 0 +
Decem ^r 1: 1749	To Thomas Woolley for his Son John's Rates for 1749 abated	3 18 5 +
Janu ^y 25 th 1749/50	To Step ^r Marlwell Cont ^r for David Wheelers Rates abated: 4 th Dec ^r	3 16 5 +
Sum total		2 8 07 10

Bedford March 6th 1748/9 (155)

A General Town Meeting Lawfully Assembled
as appears by the Constable, Returns & Accordingly
Accepted. / Mr. Benjamin Hutschenon Chosen Grand Juror
Dea Job Lane Chosen Moderator

Art. To Choose Town officers for the year Ensuing

Selectmen	Dea. Job Lane	Sworn officers	Jury men	Hugh Maxwell	Sworn
	Lieu. Paul Raymond			Michal Bacon	
	Cor ^t Nath ^l . Page Jun ^r		Fence Viewers	John Moor	Sworn
	Benjamin Kilder			Job Lane Jun ^r	
	Stephen Davis				
Town Clerk	Stephen Davis	Sworn			
Town Treas ^r	Obed. Abbott	Sworn	Hogree	Benjamin Danforth	Sworn
			bes.	Israel Putnam Jun ^r	
Constab.	Walter Pollard	Sworn			
	Samuel Woolley				
Surveyors Highways	Jonathan Grimes	Sworn	Prosecutors of the act against kill ing Deer	Capt. James Lane	Sworn
	John Bacon			Lieu Joseph Fitch	
	Joseph Heartwell				
	William Raymond			Sealer of Water & meas ^r Hides	Cor ^t Nath ^l . Page Jun ^r
			Sealer of Leather	Benjamin Bacon	Sworn

Art To Know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go out
Large this Present year, under the Regulations of the Law
Voted in the Affirmative

Art To Know the mind of the Town, whether they will accept of the
High-way that the Selectmen have lately laid out through Egg
Reeds farm, In Exchange for that part of the way that the Courts
Committee laid out, that is to the East of the afore said way; also a part
of the way thro. Mess^r Joseph Fasset & John Fasset, land as
the Selectmen have laid it out. Voted to act nothing thereupon

Art To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Give William
Reed Esq^r of Lexington ~~Twenty~~ ^{Thirty} Pounds old tenor for the way
that the Courts Committee laid out thro. his Land, if no part thereof
be Exchanged, and if it be then what they will Give him for the
Remainder thereof. Voted in the Negative

Art To Know what the Town will abate of Mr. Thomas Woolleys Rates
for his Son John, for the two years Past, by Reason of his Bodily
Infirmities. - - Proposed whether they would abate any, and Voted
in the Negative

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- 6 art To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Give Liberty to Benjamin Danforth, Benjamin Fasset, Timothy Lane, Benjamin Putnam, Moses Abbott, Nathanael Page Jun^r, Paul Raymond, and John Moor Jun^r to build Pews through the Front Gallery next the wall of the Meetinghouse. the Dimensions thereof to be left to the Discretion of a Committee. Voted in the Negative.
- 7 art To Know whether the Town will Give Liberty to Lieut. Joseph Fitch Mess^r Walter Pollard, Josiah Fasset, and Job Lane Jun^r to Remove the two hindmost Seats below in the Meetinghouse thro. men and Women sides and build Pews thereon, for the Consideration of one Hundred Pounds old tenor; Provided that the floor of the Said Pews be not raised above three Inches, nor the Top thereof Higher from the floor of the House than the other Pews are from the Top of their floors. Voted in the Negative.

Bedford March 21st 1748/9

Agreed with John Mansfield to take care of the Meetinghouse by Sweeping & opening & shutting the same; & providing water for Baptism for one year from y^e Date hereof for Three Pounds old tenor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ £3 20 00

Preambulations Anno Domini 1753.

- April 17. M^r Richard Wheeler & Stephen Davis of Bedford, with En^r John Jones 1753. and En^r Ephraim Heartwell of Concord Perambulated & Renewed the Bounds Between Said Towns.
- April 24. Mess^{rs} Josiah Fasset & John Reed of Bedford, with Mess^{rs} Joshua Jones and Zechariah Snow of Woborn, Perambulated & Renewed the Bounds Between Said Towns.
- April 20. Mess^{rs} Thomas Woolley & Nathaniel Meriam of Bedford, with Mess^{rs} Jonathan Lawrence & Israel Mead of Lexington, Perambulated & Renewed the Bounds Between Said Towns.
- April 26. Dea Job Lane, and M^r Obed Abbott of Bedford, with Mess^{rs} Oliver Whiting & William Crosby of Billerica, Perambulated & Renewed the Bounds Between Said Towns.

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford April 4th 1749

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At a Town Meeting. Legally warned as appears by the
Cont^{ts} Return, and assembled on said Day, at three o'clock
in the after noon.

Col. John Lane Chosen Moderator

Article To Know the mind of the Town whither they will Send
a Committee to Court to Give answer to Esg^t Read's
Petition; or, what other method they will Proceed in Rela-
ting to the Highway therein Referred to, Laid out by the
Court Committee through his Land.

Voted to Send a Committee to Court to give answer to the
Petition.

Proposed and voted to have two men for a Committee

Dea. Job Lane
Lien Paul Raymond

Perambulations in the year 1750

April 19th 1750. Cor. John Paige & Josiah Fasset of Bedford, with Jon^t Poole
Esg^t & Mr. Joshua Jones of Woburn. Perambulated & renewed the
bound-mark, between said Towns. — — —

April 24th 1750. Richard Wheeler & Stephen Davis of Bedford, with Mest^r Nath^l
Whittemore & Timothy Wheeler of Concord Perambulated & renewed
The boundmark, between said Towns. — — —

April 25th 1750. Dea. Israel Putnam & Joseph Mead, of Bedford, with Mest^r
Nath^l Frank & Jon^t Lawrence of Lexington Perambulated
& renewed the bound-mark, between said Towns. — — —

May 2nd 1750 Dea. Job Lane & Cor. Nath^l Paige j^r of Bedford, with Dea.
Joshua Abbott & Lien. Daniel Stickney of Billerica Perambulated
& renewed the bound-mark, between said Towns. ~ ~ ~

The above is according to appointment & their return; and recorded
by order of The Selectmen of Bedford.

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Perambulation in the year 1756.

The Persons hereafter named, with those that Legally joined
them from the several Neighbouring Towns, Perambulated & renewed
the bound Round this Town in the month of April. Annoque Domini 1756.

Dea. Job Lane	} with Billerica	John Meriam	} with Lex ⁿ	Thos. Woolly
Josiah Fasset		Nath. Meriam		Rep. Davis
Richard Wheeler	} with Concord	John Reed	} with Woburn	
Th. Paige		Tim. Mastwell		

Bedford May 4th 1749

At a Town meeting Legally assembled (as appears by the Constables Return) on the Day above Said, at two o' Clock in the after noon. Wrd Abel Abbott Chosen Moderator.

- 1st Art To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Send a Representative to the Great and General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative
- 2nd Art To Know how much money the Town will Grant to Repare the Highways this Present year. Voted Ninety Pound old tenor £90:0:0
- 3rd Art To Know in what Method the Town will Proceed, in Repairing the Highways, this Present year. Voted the same that was last year. viz^t The Three Summer Months be fourteen Shillings, Each man Pr^d Day. The month of September Eleven Shillings Pr^d Day. and the Remainder of Time till the first of March next Eight Shillings Pr^d Day. and that a yoke of oxen be Six Shilling Pr^d Day. and a Cart Two Shillings & Six pence Pr^d Day. all the above Said Sums are in old tenor. Voted that the Highway Rate be made by its Self, and Copy Committed to a Surveyor of Highway. and that Every man have liberty to work out his rate by lawful warning and they that do not work out their Rate, the whole, or the Remainder thereof shall be Committed to ye Court to be Collected in money. and if any Person be Caged to work more than his Rate, he shall have Credit for the next year.
- 4th Art To Know the mind of the Town whether it be their Desire that the way laid out by the Court Committee thro. Land of William Reed Esq^r and Timothy Hearswell should be Discontinued. Voted in the Affirmative
- 5th Art To Know the mind of the Town whether Dea. Job Lane & Lieut. Paul Raymond the former Comm^{tee} shall be fully Authorized & Impowered - not only to make answer to the Petition of William Reed Esq^r at the next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Cambridge but also to do any other thing that they shall think most advisable to Prevent the fore-going way being any longer allowed a Town way or any Charge Coming upon the Town of Bedford there by. Voted in the Affirmative.

Perambulation in the year 1759

The Persons hereafter named, with those that Legally joined them from the several Towns adjoining Perambulated the bounds & renewed the boundaries around this Town in the above year. viz

Richard Wheeler	} with Concord	Walter Pollard	} with Woburn
John Moore		John Reed	
Josiah Tappet	} with Billerica	Stephen Davis	} with Lexington
John Reed		Nath. Meriam	

Bedford June 4th 1749

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At a Town meeting Legally Assembled (as appears by the Constables Return) on the day above sd at four a Clock in the after noon.

Mr^o Obed Abbott Chosen Moderator.

- 1 art. To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Give Will^o Reed of Lexington Eqr^o Fifty Pounds old tenor by the first Day of March next, for the way laid out by the Court Com^o thro his Land, and for his Cost at Court. Voted in the affirmative
- art. To Know the mind of the Town whether they will make the above said way feasible for Travelling by the first Day of March next. Voted in the Affirmative.

Bedford October 4th 1749
A Town meeting Lawfully Assembled on said day at one o'Clock in the afternoon. Mr^o Obed Abbott Chosen Moderator

- art. To Know how much money the Town will Give the Rev^d M^r Nicholas Bowes this Present year, for the Depreciation there of Since his first Settlement with us in the Gospel Ministry. Voted Two Hundred and forty Pounds old tenor ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ £240 20 0
- art. To Know how much money the Town will Grant to Defrey Town Charges; and for the School this Present year. Voted one Hundred Pound old tenor. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 100 20 0
- art. To Know where the Town will have the School kept this Present year. Voted to have a moving School at the Descretion of the Committee; Provided the Town be Put to no Publick Charge for Houe-room there for, on the out Sides of the Town.
- art. To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Choofe a Com^{tee} to Provide a School-master this Present year. Voted in y^e Affirmative also Propos^d & Voted to have four men for a Committee. viz
- Cap. James Lane
Em. John Merriam
John Moore
Cr. John Paige } Comm^{tee}
- art. To Know in what method the Town will Proceed, relating to m^r Bowes's wood. Propos^d & voted the same method they did last year viz That the wood be Thirty five Shillings Per Cord, and brought to m^r Bowes by the first Day of January next, and that they that do not bring their Part of wood by that time shall pay the money.

Dea. Job Lane
Dea Israel Putnam
John Lane Jun^r } Comm^{tee} To Provide
Remainder of the wood

October 4th 3rd 1749

- 6 art To Know what the Town will abate of M^r Thomas Woolley's Rates for his Son John, for the year 1747. Propos^d & voted to abate the whole there of.
- 7 art To Know the mind of the Town whether they will Agree with Timothy Heartwell for the way that the Court Committee laid out thro. his land; or Choose a Committee to do the same. Propos^d and voted (by way of Agreement) To Give him Sixty Pounds old tenor for said way & Damages there by.
- 8 art To Know in what method the Town will Proceed, in order to make the way feafable for Travelling, that was laid out by the Court Committee thro. land of William Reed Esq^r & Timothy Hartwell. Propos^d and voted that those that have not work'd out their Highway shall have liberty to work them out on said way, with the Liberty of the Surveyers of the High-ways.

Perambulation in y^e Year 1762

Those Persons that joined with the adjoining Towns in Perambulating & renewing Bounds in the above y^e year are Viz.

Capt Joseph Fitch } with Concord	John Meriam } with
John Moore } with Concord	Oliver Reed } with
Dea Benj Bacon } with Billerica	Dea Stephen Davis } with
John Reed } with Billerica	Joseph Brown } with
Walter Sollerud } with Woburn	
Benjamin Dunforth } with Woburn	

Perambulation in y^e Year 1765

Those Persons that joined with the adjoining Towns in Perambulating and renewing the bounds in the above y^e year are. Viz.

John Moor } with Concord	Dea Benj Bacon } with Billerica
Josiah Davis } with Concord	Christ ^l Page } with Billerica
Christ ^l Page } with Woburn	Oliver Reed } with Lexington
Benj Dunforth } with Woburn	John Meriam } with Lexington
Capt Joseph Fitch } with Concord	
Sam ^l Stephen Davis } with Concord	

Representatives of the Town were Perambulated & renewed in April 1765 by the Persons hereafter named & such as joined them from the adjacent Towns.

Josiah Davis } with Concord	Christ ^l Page } with Woburn	Josiah Davis } with Concord
Dea Benj Bacon } with Billerica	John Meriam } with Lexington	John Meriam } with Lexington

An Account of the Rates for the year 1749

The Province Tax this year is one Hundred & forty Seven Pound, ten Shilling, new tenor	£	s	d
	147	10	0
Of which there is Committed to Walter Pollard Constable Eighty four Pound Eleven Shillings & Three pence	84	11	3
And to Samuel Woolley Constable Sixty Two Pound Eighteen Shillings & nine Pence	62	18	9
The County Rate this year is five Pound fourteen Shillings, new tenor	5	14	0
of which there is Committed to Said Pollard Three Pound five Shillings & Seven pence	3	5	7
And to Said Woolley Two Pound Eight Shilling, and five Pence. all the above in new tenor	2	8	5
There is over-plus in Constable Woolley, Province list Six Shilling, old tenor	0	6	0
And in Said Woolley, County list Three Shilling, & ten pence old tenor	0	3	10
The Town Rate Committed to Samuel Woolley Constable is Two Hundred & Thirty five Pound Three Shilling, & five Pence old tenor	235	3	5
The wood Rate Committed to Said Woolley Constable, is Twenty one Pound, & ten pence old tenor	21	0	10
There is Committed to Walter Pollard Constable of the Town Rate Three Hundred & fourteen Pound, nineteen Shillings, & Eight Pence old tenor	314	19	8
The wood Rate Committed to Said Pollard Constable is Twenty Eight Pound one Shilling, & Eleven pence old tenor	28	1	11
The Arrears of the Highway Rate Committed to Samuel Woolley Constable to Collect, Nine Pound, Eleven Shill. & Eleven pence	9	11	11
The Arrears of y ^e wood Rate for Samuel Woolley Constable to Collect are, Ten Pound Seventeen Shilling & one penny old Tenor	10	17	1
Sum Total	20	9	0
The Arrears of the Highway Rate Committed to Walter Pollard Constable to Collect, Three Pound, ten Shill. & nine pence O.T.	3	10	9
The Arrears of y ^e wood Rate for Walter Pollard Constable to Collect are Eleven Pound, eighteen Shilling & five pence, O.Tenor	11	18	5
Sum Total	16	2	5

An account of the orders for the year 1749		To tenor
Oct ^r 30: 1749	Town Treasurer ordered to pay to m ^r Bower.	340-0-0
Novemb ^r 1749	To Cor. Nath ^l Paige Jun ^r for making Rates & other Service	6 15 0
	To m ^r Benj ^a Kidder to Ditto	7 8 8
	To Dea Job Lane for service in y^e Court going to Court	17 0 0
	To Lien Paul Raymond to Ditto	11 8 0
	To Stephen Davis for Rates abated to Eben. Howard & Benj ^a m ^r Bower	3 10 1
Jan ^r 25: 1749/50	To Stephen Davis for Service as Clark & opening y ^e	16. 5. 1
	To Benj ^a Hutchinson for entering two Cautions	00 16. 0
Jan. 25	To Dea. Job Lane for Service in y ^e Town	5 3 2
Jan. 25	To Dea Job Lane for Service & going to Court &c	11 16 10
Jan. 25	To Joseph Hartwell Jun ^r on Account of John Lane Jun ^r for wood.	2 13 3
Jan. 25	To John Lane Jun ^r for wood to m ^r Bower.	5 14 9
Jan ^r Feb ^r 12	To Joseph Fidd of Lexington for carrying Susanna Clark to Cambridge	10 0 0
Feb ^r 12	To Benj ^a Danforth for Entertainment	2 0 0
Feb ^r 12	To Benj ^a Danforth on Account of Dea Job Lane for wood to m ^r Bower.	2 17 10
Feb ^r 16	To m ^r Bower for y ^e Remainder of y ^e wood for y ^e year 1748	0 13 0
Feb ^r 16	To Cor. Nath ^l Paige Jun ^r for mending y ^e Meetinghouse Glap	2 0 0
Feb ^r 16	To Dea. Israel Putnam for wood to m ^r Bower p/10 he being	6-10-0
Feb ^r 16	To Dea. Job Lane for wood to m^r Bower	2 0 0
Feb ^r 16	To m ^r Obed Abbott for Service as Treasurer	5 5 0
Feb ^r 20	To Cap. James Lane for wood to m ^r Bower for y ^e year 1748.	5 5 0
Feb ^r 20	To John Courtney for keeping School two months.	20-0-0
Feb ^r 27	To Dea. John Cleverly for keeping School a month.	15 0 0
Feb ^r 28	To John Mansfield for keeping the Meetinghouse &c	3 0 0
Feb ^r 28	To William Reed Jun ^r of Lexington for y ^e Highway laid by y ^e Court &c	30 0 0
Feb ^r 28	To Timothy Heartwell for part of y ^e afore ^d Highway	60 0 0
Feb ^r 28	To Dea. Job Lane for wood to m ^r Bower	4 10 11
Feb ^r 28	To Stephen Davis for entering two Cautions & other Service &c	2 03 11
March 5	To Cor. Nath ^l Paige Jun ^r on Account of John Mansfield for ^{if meeting} keeping	3: 0: 0
March 5	To Walter, Eliard for Entertainment &c	5-9-6
March 5	To Sam ^l Woolley for carrying Susanna Clark to Lex ^{on} .	5 5 0
March 5	To Benj ^a Kidder for Repairing y ^e Meetinghouse	1-5-0
Sum ^t Total		2 609-11-0

Bedford March 9th 1749

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A General Town meeting Legally assembled, as appears by the Constable returns, and accordingly accepted.

M^r. Benjamin Kidder Chosen Grand Juror for said year

Dea. Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator for the ^d meeting

Arb^l to
ose Town
Hiers &
Selectmen
Dea Job Lane
Dea. Israel Putnam
Stephen Davis
Lieut Joseph Fitch
Cor. Nath^l Paige Jun^r

John Lane Ser.
Timothy Hearswell
Surveyor of Highw. Samuel Bacon
Zechariah Fitch } Sworn

on Clerk Stephen Davis } Sworn

John Lane Jun^r
Oliver Pollard } Sworn

Benjamin Fitch
Josiah Davis } Sworn

Propos^d & voted to choose three Assessors for the year ensuing

Stephen Davis
Dea Job Lane } Sworn
Obad Abbott }

Thomas Bacon
William Raymond } Sworn

on Treas^r Obad Abbott } Sworn

Cap. James Lane
Lieut Joseph Fitch } Sworn

Dea Job Lane Jun^r
Joseph Hearswell } Sworn

Sealer of water & meat
Cor. Nath^l Paige Jun^r } Sworn

Sealer of leather
Benjⁿ Hutchinson Jun^r } Sworn

The Town Regulated the Boxes for y^e Choise of Petit Jurors as the Law Directs.

To know the mind of the Town, whether the Swine shall go at large this Present year, under the regulations of y^e Law. Voted in the Affirmative.

To know the mind of the Town, whether they will allow of, and put upon record, the Highway that the Selectmen have laid out on Land of m^r. Joseph Fasset of Lexington, and Give y^e Fasset Twenty Six pounds old tenor, or make him Thirty rod, of Stone wall for the said way. The way is laid out as follows.

February 9th 1749 The Selectmen laid out an open Highway two polls wide, on land of Joseph Fasset of Lexington beginning at an apple tree marked standing in y^e wall, and in the Ancient line between Concord & Billerica, so running about Eighteen rod, as the way is now trod, till it comes to Lexington line, where it meeteth & joyneth the afore^d tree and wall are on the East Side of the y^e Highway. Voted to allow of the afore^d Highway, and Give y^e Fasset Twenty Six pounds old tenor by the first day of March next therefor

Stephen Davis Town Clerk

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Beelford May 4th 18. 1750.

A General Town Meeting Legally ^{assembled} on said day at two of 4^o Clock in the after-noon. Cap. James Lane Chosen Moderator.

The following articles were Proposd & Transacted viz

- 1st art To know the mind of the Town, whether they will send a Representative to the Great & General Court this Present year
Voted in the Negative.
- 2nd art To know how much money the Town will Grant to repair the High-ways this Present year. Voted fifteen Pound, Lawful money ————— £ 15 = 0 = 0
- 3rd art To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing and mending the High-ways this Present year. —————
Voted that mens labour be $2\frac{1}{4}$ ^d a day the Three Summer months. in September $1\frac{1}{3}$ ^d, and in the rest of the year $1\frac{1}{6}$ ^d a day. and that a yoke of oxen be $1\frac{1}{4}$ ^d a day the Three Summer months, and in the rest of the year $1\frac{1}{6}$ ^d a day. and a Cart $1\frac{1}{4}$ ^d a day thro 4th year. all in Lawful money.
also voted that those that over work their Rate shall have Credit for the next year; and that those that do not work out their Rate shall Pay it in money, as has been usual.
- 4th art To know whether the Town will Grant Liberty to Timothy Lane, Moses Abbott, Paul Raymond, Benj^d Hutchinson Jun^r, Benj^d Tasset, Nath^l Paige Sen^r, and Benj^d Tutnam to build a pew, or pews in the Hindmost Seat in the front Gallery in 4th meetinghouse
Voted in the Negative.

Bedford October 9th 1750

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A General Town Meeting Legally assembled on P day.
M^r Obed Abbott Chosen Moderator for P meeting

- Article. To know how much money the Town will Give the Rev^d M^r Nicholas Baser this Present year. Voted for the whole of his Salary Fifty Pounds Thirteen Shilling & four pence Lawful money. — — — — — £ 50-13-4
- Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant, to Defrey Town Charges; and for the School; this Present year. Voted Twelve Pound Lawful money. — — — — — £ 12-0-0
- Art. To know where the Town will have the School kept this present year. Voted to have a moving School; Provided the Town be put to no Charge for House-room.
- Art. To know whether the Town will Choose a Committee to Provide a School-master. Proposd and Voted the following Person to be a Committee viz. M^r Obed Abbott, Enr. John Meriam, Cr. John Paige, and John Moore.
- Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating to M^r Bowers wood, this Present year. Voted that 4th wood at Three Shilling & Ten pence furling & Cord, and brought to him as has been usual; and that Mess^{rs} Job Lane Jun^r, John Lane Jun^r and John Bacon, be a Committee to Provide the Remainder of the wood. that is not brought by 4th time Prescried.
- Art. To know the mind of the Town whether they will Choose a Committee to Seat the Meetinghouse; and Give them Instruction there-in. Voted in the Affirmative. Proposd five men for a Committee viz. Mess^{rs} Timothy Heartwell, Benjamin Kiduer, John Bacon, Benjamin Hutchinson, and Samuel Meriam. Also Proposd & Voted (by way of Instruction) To Seat five Persons in a Seat below, and Seat the fore Seat in the Galleries; by the Three last years pay (allowing but one poll) Having Respect to age according to their Description.

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May 19: 1750 To John Courtney for keeping School - - - - - £ 0 - 1 - 4 +

May 18: To Cap James Lane on Amount of John Courtney for Ditto - 0 - 5 - 4 +

May 18: To Em. John Meriam on Au. of John Courtney for Ditto - 0 - 4 - 0 +

May 18: To Walter Pollard on Account of John Courtney for Ditto - 0 - 2 - 8 +

Sum Total 0 - 13 - 4

The Orders for the year 1750. in Lawful money

Nov 20 The Town Treasurer ordered to pay of Geo. M^r Nicholas
1750 Town for his salary fifty Pounds Thirteen Shill. & four Pence 50 13 4 x

Feb 2 To Joseph Mead for Preambulating & Town bound. 0 1 0 +

Feb 2 To m^r Eben. Abbott Town Treas^r for 4 arrears of Cleared
Davis a late Con^l abated by 4 Selectmen Old tenor 1 1 6 +

To Con^l Nath^l Paige jun^r for Preambulating & Town bound 0 2 0 +

To Con^l John Paige for bounding of School-master 10s and
Preambulating of Town bound 1/4 - - - - - 0 11 4 +

To Dea. Job Lane for making Rates & Preambulating 0 9 0 +

To Josiah Fabel for Preambulating of Town bound - 0 1 4 +

Mar 17 To Richard Wheeler for Preambulating of Town bound 0 1 6 +

Mar 4 To Dea. Israel Putnam for Sweeping & meeting house
1750 bounding of School-master, and Preambulating of Town bound 1 0 4 +

To Stephen Davis for making Rates Entering Cautions
and service to Clark & Preambulating of Town bound 1 3 0 +

To Walter Pollard a late Con^l for Carrying one Swan
out of Town & Josiah Bacon Rates abated. 1 1 2 +

Mar 17 To Joseph Smith for 4 arrears of Highway for 1750 0 0 5 +

To Walter Pollard for Entertainment &c - - - - - 0 10 4 +

To m^r Joseph Raper of Lexington for a Highway 3 9 4 +

To Josiah Davis for bounding the School-master 0 10 0 +

To m^r Eben. Abbott service as Assessor of boarding of
School-master 1/8. and service as Treasurer of - 1 11 6 +

Mar 17 To m^r Lidel Clark of Salem for keeping School 4 months 2 days 3 16 3 +

May 20 To m^r Joseph Mead for arrears of Highway Rates abated. 0 0 5 +

June 1 To m^r John Meriam for boarding the School-master 0 10 0 +

Oct 11 To Timothy Heartwell for Archubald Cledenings Rates abated. 17 3 +

Oct 21 To John Raper for Sam^l Whitakers & Eben^l Perry. Rates abated 1 0 3 +

To Samuel Woolley for Sam^l Whitakers & James Huttons Rates (abated) 1 6 8 +

To Job Lane jun^r for wood to m^r Nicholas Bowser - - - 1 8 10 +

Nov 15 To Job Lane jun^r for Eben^l Willhore Rates abated - - - 0 7 3 +

Nov 19 To Joan Lane jun^r for wood to m^r Bowser - - - 0 7 3 +

To John Bacon for wood to m^r Bowser - - - 0 7 3 +

To Job Lane jun^r for wood to m^r Bowser by 4 Committee order - 0 7 3 +

Dec 17 To Job Lane jun^r a late Con^l for John Danforth Rates abated if and of
William Simons - - - - - 0 11 5 1/2

An Account of the Rates for the year 1750

The County Rate this Present year is Two Pounds Two Shillings
& nine pence farthing Lawful money ————— 2 2 9 1
of which there is Committed to Job Lane Ju^r Con^{le} one Pound
five Shillings, five Pence & three farthings L.M. ————— 1 5 5 3
and to Joseph Heartwell Con^{le} Seventeen Shillings, three pence
and two farthings Lawful money ————— 0 17 3 2

There is in Joseph Heartwell Con^{le} ^{County} list one Shilling three pence
& two farthings L.M. over-plus ————— 0 1 3 2

The Minister rate Committed to Said Heartwell Con^{le} is Twenty one
Pound Eight Shillings, & Eleven pence Lawful money ————— 21 8 11

and the Town rate Committed to p Heartwell is Five Pounds four
Shillings & Eleven pence L.M. ————— 5 4 11

and the wood Rate Committed to Ditto is Two Pound Six Shilling
& two farthings L.M. ————— 2 6 0 2

The arrears of a Highway Rate Committed to Joseph Heartwell Con^{le} are
Twelve Shillings & three pence Lawful money ————— 0 12 3
The arrears of the wood Rate for Joseph Heartwell Con^{le} to Collect are
one pound, Eight Shillings and Eleven pence Lawful money ————— 1 8 11

The Minister Rate Committed to Job Lane Ju^r Con^{le} is Twenty
nine Pounds, Nine Shillings & Eleven pence L.M. ————— 29 9 11

The Town rate Committed to p Lane is Seven Pound, five Shill.
& two pence L.M. ————— 7 5 2

and the wood rate Committed to p Lane is Three Pounds & three Shill. 3 3 0
The arrears of the Highway Rate Committed to Job Lane Ju^r Con^{le}
are one Pound four Shillings & two pence Lawful money ————— 1 4 2

The arrears of the wood Rate for Job Lane Ju^r Con^{le} to Collect
are one pound & six pence half penny Lawful money ————— 1 0 6 1/2

The above said arrears of the Highway Rate Committed to Joseph Heartwell
Con^{le} are all workd out Saving five Shilling, & eight pence ————— 0 5 8

Bedford March 4th 1750.

All a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on
said day at nine a Clock in the morning.

Lieut Joseph Filch Chosen Grand juror.

Dea Job Lane Chosen Moderator for ^{so} meeting.

1st art. To Choope Town officers for the year ensuing.

Dea Job Lane.

Dea Israel Putnam.

Stephen Davis.

Em. John Meriam.

or John Paige.

Town Clerk Stephen Davis.

Town Treasr. Obed Abbott.

Council John Bacon.
Nathaniel Meriam.

Cap. James Lane.

Benjamin Danforth.

Peter Fappel.

David Taylor.

Fishing men Benjamin Bacon.
Timothy Heartsell.

Fence viewers Josiah Davis.
Christopher Paige.
Obed Abbott.

Hog-rearers James Lane jr.
Jonathan Putnam.

Sealer of weights & measures Cor. Nath. Paige jr.

Sealer of leather Benjamin Bacon.

Dea or Cap. James Lane.
Lieut Joseph Filch.

All the above named Persons (excepting ^{the} Grand-juror) are Sworn to their respective Trusts. and also have taken ^{the} oath required in the Act entitled an Act for drawing in the bills of Credit. &c. made in ^{the} year 1743.

2nd art. To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at large this Present year, under the Regulations of the Law Voted in the Affirmative.

3rd art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the Highway this Present year.

Voted Forty Pound Lawful money. £ 30 00

4th art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the Highway.

Voted that mens Labour be 2^d per day till the Last of September; and in the rest of the year 1st per day. and that a yoke of Oxen be 1st per day, and a Cart 1st per day thro. the year. allowing the Disposition of the Debt & Credit in the List (if any there shall be) to be as it was laid y.

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Bedford May 9 20th 1751.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on 9th day
at Three o'clock in the after-noon. the things following were acted
viz

1st art To Know whether the Town will Elect & Depute a Good and
Lawful Person, to Serve for & Represent them at the Great &
General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

Dea. Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator for said meeting.

2nd art To Know whether the Town will Give Liberty to those Persons
that are Returned in Debt in the Highway list for the year
past to work out the same this present year; provided they do
it by 4th last day of June next. Voted in the Affirmative.

October 21st 1751. A General Town Meeting Legally Assembled
on said day at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Col. John Lane Chosen Moderator

art To know what the Town will Grant to the Revd Mr. Nicholas Bowes
this Present year, as a Ministerial Sallery. Voted fifty Pound,
Thirteen Shillings & four pence Lawful money — — — £ 50 13 4

art To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defrey Town Charges
and for the School, this Present year. Voted Twelve Pound, £ 12 0 0

art To know in what method & Town will Proceed relating to the keeping
of the School this year. Voted to have a moving School.

Voted also to Choose a Committee to Provide a School master, and to
order where the School shall be kept. Messrs John Moore, Benjamin
Kidder, Josiah Foyet, and Obed Abbott. Comm^{tee}.

art To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating to Mr.
Bowes's wood, this Present year. Voted that the Town have liberty
to Carry the wood to Mr. Bowes till the first day of January next

@ Three Shilling, & ten pence farthing per Cord. — — — £ 0 3 10 1/4
Voted also that Cap. James Lane, Job Lane Jun^r, and Timothy Lane
be a Comm^{tee} to Provide Mr. Bowes the remainder of wood that is not
Carried by the Town, at the Price above Said. which they Accepted of.

October 21st 1751. M^r Obed Abbott Town Treasurer or Successor Debtor to & Paid
on account of an Obligation from Samuel Whitaker to him, for his Rates
to John Fasset & Samuel Woolley late Constables; in the Sum of one
Pound Sixteen Shilling and Nine pence Lawful money — £ 1-16-9

Novem^r 15: 1751 M^r Obed Abbott ^{Town Treasurer or Successor} Ordered to Receive of Nathanael Meriam
Constable the Sum of Twenty Seven Pound, four Shilling, & Eleven pence
Lawful money — — — — — £ 27-4-11
and of John Bacon Constable the Sum of Thirty four Pound, ten Shill.
ings & ten pence farthing — — — — — 34-10-10

Feb^r 28. M^r Obed Abbott Town Treasurer, or Successor, Ordered to Receive
1752 of Nath^l Meriam Constable for Arrears of the Highway & Wood Rates, the
Sum of one pound Nineteen Shillings & Seven pence farthing — £ 1-19-7-1
And of John Bacon Constable for Ditto, the Sum of one pound ten
Shillings & Nine pence — — — — — £ 1-10-9

March 27: The above mentioned Orders, Transmitted to m^r Josiah Fasset
1752 Town Treasurer.

also Order to Receive of Walter Pollard a late Constable Nine Pound ten
Shillings & Seven pence Old tenor, or £ 1-5-5 Lawful money — — — £ 1-5-5
and of Samuel Woolley a late Constable Three Pound Eighteen Shillings and
Eleven pence Old tenor, or £ 0-10-6-1 Lawful money — — — £ 0-10-6-1
and of Joseph Heartwell a late Constable the Sum of Seventeen Shilling
and four pence half penny Lawful money. — — — — — £ 0-17-4-2
Also at the same time Delivered to & Paid Treasurer in money — — — £ 0-1-4

December 20: M^r Josiah Fasset Town Treasurer, or his Successor
1752 Ordered to Receive of Hugh Maxwell Constable, the Sum of
Thirty Nine Pound and Three Shillings — — — £ 39-3-0
And of Joseph Meed, Constable the Sum of Twenty Nine Pound
four Shillings & ten pence — — — — — £ 29-4-10

Feb^r 26: Josiah Fasset Town Treasurer, or Successor Ordered to
1753 Receive of Hugh Maxwell Constable for Arrears of the High-way
and wood Rates the Sum of one Pound Thirteen Shillings and
two pence one farthing — — — — — £ 1-13-2-1
And of Joseph Meed, Constable for Ditto the Sum of One Pound
and three pence one farthing — — — — — £ 1-0-3-1
£ 140-18-9-3

An Account of the Rates for the year 1755.

The Province Tax this year is Seventy Pound, three Shilling, £ 5. d. 3
70 3 0

Committed of the Province Tax to John Bacon Con^{le} forty ~~Shill~~
 Pound, Eighteen Shilling, Eleven pence & one farthing — 41 18 11
 and to Nathanael Meriam Twenty Eight Pound four Shilling 3 farth 28 4 0 3
£ 70 3 0 0

The County Tax is four Pound fifteen Shilling, & three pence — 4 15 3
 of which there is Committed to John Bacon Con^{le} to Collect Two
 Pound, Eighteen Shilling, & Six pence three farthings — 2 18 6 3
 and to Nathanael Meriam Con^{le} to Collect one Pound Sixteen Shill.
 ings & Eight pence farthing — 1 16 8 1
£ 4 15 3

There is over plus in Nath^{le} Meriam Con^{le} Province list Two pound,
 Two Shilling, Eleven pence & three farthings. — 2 2 11 3
 and in Said Meriam's County list five Shilling, five pence 3 farth. 0 5 5 3
 Committed of the Town Rate to Nathanael Meriam Con^{le} to Collect
 Twenty four Pound, Sixteen Shilling, & five pence half penny — 24 16 5 2
Sum Total - 27 4 11

Committed of the Ministerial wood Rate to Said Meriam Con^{le}
 Two Pound five Shilling, & ten pence — 2 5 10
 The arrears of the wood Rate for Nath^{le} Meriam Con^{le} to Collect
 are one Pound five Shilling, & ten pence Three farthings, — 1 5 10 3
 The Arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to Nathanael Meriam
 Con^{le} to Collect are Thirteen Shilling, & Eight pence half penny — 0 13 8 2
Sum Total - 1 19 7 1

Committed of the Town Rate to John Bacon Con^{le} to Collect
 Thirty four Pound, ten Shilling, & ten pence farthing — £ 34 10 10 1

Committed of the Ministerial wood rate unto Said Bacon Con^{le}
 Three Pound, Three Shilling, Nine pence & Three farthings — 3 3 9 3

The arrears of the wood Rate for John Bacon Con^{le} to Collect
 are one Pound and three pence Two farthings — 1 0 3 2

The Arrears of the ^{High-way} Rate Committed to John Bacon Con^{le}
 to Collect, are Ten Shilling, & five pence half penny — 0 10 5 2
Sum Total - £ 1 10 9

The Orders for the year 1751, 2 In Lawful money.					
Decem ^r 15	The Town Treasurer ordered to pay the Rev ^d Mr Nicholas Bowser.	50	13	4	+
Decem ^r 2	Dea Job Lane to Con ^l Bacon for service as assessor - - -	6	0	+	
Febr ^y 20	Dea Israel Putnam to John Bacon Con ^l for service as assessor, sweeping the meetinghouse, & boarding the school-master &c - - -	1	11	10	+
	Ebenezer Jones to Nath ^l Meriam Con ^l for conveying & wid ^e French's Goods	0	1	4	+
Feb ^r 28	John Cutler of Lexington to Treas ^r for Glazing the meetinghouse ^{partly}	1	2	11	+
	En ^r John Meriam to Con ^l Meriam for making Rates & boarding School.	1	7	6	2
	Dea Job Lane to Treasurer, for service about Highway, & 4 Poor, &c	0	3	9	x
	Mr John Paige to Con ^l Bacon for making Rates, laying out Highways &c	0	5	1	+
	Stephen Davis to Con ^l Meriam for service, and entering Cautions	0	19	11	+
	Timothy Lane, to Con ^l Bacon for wood to Mr Bowser - - -	0	15	5	+
	Walter Pollard, to Con ^l Bacon, for Entertainment. - - -	0	12	7	+
	Benjamin Danforth, to P. Bacon for Entertainment. - - -	0	5	7	+
March 2	Josiah Davis to Con ^l Meriam for boarding the School-master - -	0	9	2	+
1752	Obed. Abbott to Con ^l Bacon for Boarding the School-master 9/7 and for service as Treasurer 7/4 - - -	0	17	2	+
March 20	Benjamin Danforth, to Con ^l Bacon, for Boarding of School-master	0	9	7	+
	William Hunt to Treasurer for keeping School four months ^(now being paid)	4	0	0	+
May 11	Ebenezer Taylor of Concord to Con ^l Meriam, for Rates abated, for Kever mead	0	1	1	+
	Walter Pollard to Treas^r for part of Thomas M^r Condit's Rates	0	14	4	
	Samuel Woolley to Treas ^r for Half Jonathan Cutters Rates Remitted by 4 Town	0	9	0	+
July 15	Job Lane Jun ^r to Con ^l Bacon, for wood to Mr Bowser Abated	0	15	5	
July 22	Cap James Lane to Con^l Bacon for wood to Mr Bowser. Returned	0	15	5	
Oct ^r 16	Thomas Perry to Con ^l Bacon for his High-way rate abated. - - -	0	3	6	+

Decem ^r 4	Benjamin Kidder to Hugh Maxwell Con ^l for half a Poll abated - - -	0	5	0	1/2
Decem ^r 20	Town Treasurer ordered to pay to the Rev ^d Mr Nicholas Bowser. - -	53	6	8	+
1752					
Jan ^y 26	Richard Wheeler to Con ^l Meed for keeping wid ^e Rebekah French to this time	2	0	0	+
1753	Josiah Davis to Con ^l Meed, for boarding School master 10/8 Highway work 3/4	0	13	8	+
	En ^r John Paige to Con ^l Maxwell for boarding the School-master - - -	0	10	8	+
	Oliver Pollard to the Town Treasurer for High-way work - - -	0	9	5	+
	Job Lane Jun ^r to Con ^l Meed, for boarding the School-master - - -	0	10	8	+
Feb ^r 19	Zechariah Fitch to Con ^l Meed, for keeping Lucy Bathrick's Child, part	0	10	0	+
	Zeck. Fitch to Treasur ^r for the same - - -	0	10	3	+
	Jonathan Putnam to Con ^l Meed, for keeping Lucy Bathrick's Child, part	0	10	0	+
	Jon ^a Putnam to Treasur ^r for the same - - -	0	10	0	+
	Cap James Lane to Treasurer for wood to Mr Bowser in 4 years 1751. Returned	0	15	5	
	Hugh Maxwell to Treasurer for half a Poll abated - - -	0	5	0	1/2
Feb ^r 26	To Josiah Tapet Town Treasurer for service therein 6/8 and part of his service as Con^l 10/7 - - - Returned	0	15	3	
	To Joseph Harbison to Treas ^r for Thomas Woolley of Monson High-way rate abated 1/4 for Josiah Crosby Rates Discounted with L ^o for F ^o 1752 -	0	8	0	1/2
	Stephen Davis to Con ^l Meed, for service and entering Cautions, Part.	0	14	8	+
	To the Town Treasurer, the other Part. - - -	0	11	5	7
	Jonathan Woolley to Con ^l Meed, to Making Rates, work at 4 Pounds & 4 M ^o l.	0	4	9	
	To the Town Treasurer for a Journey to Littleton & Expence &c Part.	0	4	9	1
Jan ^y 17	1754 The Two last Orders to Jos ^a Woolley, Declared by him to be lost.	4	9		

Bedford January 4th 1752.

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The Selectmen of Bedford met upon a Certain Highway, or Road Here after Described, to Renew the Boundaries thereof which are as follows. viz Beginning at Billerica line on Land of Lt. William Crosby, and running on the East Side of a Stone wall, to a walnut Tree marked, on the East Side of D way, so on to a white oak Stump with Stones by it, and from thence to a Gray oak tree, marked with the letter H likewise on the East Side of D way, then running to, and Equally upon land of Benjamin and John Bacon till it comes within three rods of the Corner of the wall then turning in three rods Circumference and running with the wall on land of D John Bacon till it comes to the lane, Said Bacon allowing near a rod there also of Circumference to turn into Said lane.

Bedford January 4th 1752.

We The Subscribers, being Present at the Describing, and Renewing the Boundaries of the above Said Highway, do hereby acknowledge our Sincerity Satisfied therewith, and do Respectively for our Selves and our Heirs, freely fully, and absolutely acquit and Discharge the Said Town of Bedford from any Cost and Charge for the said Highway or road, or for any Damages accruing to us thereby, as it is above Described. In witness whereof we hereunto set our Hands on the day above Said.

Israel Putnam

William Crosby

Benjamin Bacon

John Bacon

Witness John Merriam
John Pease

Bedford March 4th 2^d 1752.

The Town Assembled, on the day above said, and Chose Enr. John Meriam, to serve on the Grand Jury, for the ensuing year.

Bedford March 4th 9th 1752.

A General Town meeting Legally Assembled on said day, at Twelve a Clock in the day. Mr. Josiah Fasset Chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

Article To Choope Town officers for the Ensuing year.

Selectmen	Dea. Israel Putnam.	} Sworn	Tything-men	Job Lane Junr.	} Sworn.
	Lieu. Joseph Fitch.			Benjamin Kidder.	
	Stephen Davis.		Tene Viewers.	Samuel Woolley.	} Sworn.
	Benjamin Bacon			Ebenezer Jones.	
Town Clerk	Jonathan Woolley	} Sworn.	Hog-reev.	Christopher Paige.	} Sworn.
	Stephen Davis.			Samuel Bacon.	
Town Treas-urer	Josiah Fasset	} Sworn.	Sealer of weights and measures	David Taylor.	} Sworn.
	Hugh Maxwell.			Cor. Nathl. Paige Junr.	
Constables	Joseph Mcedi.	} Sworn.	Sealer of Leather	Benjamin Bacon.	} Sworn.
	Oliver Pollard.			Lieu. Joseph Fitch.	
Surveyor of High-ways	Benjamin Danforth.	} Sworn.	Dier-reev.	Thomas Woolley.	} Sworn.
	Stephen Hearwell.				
	Josiah Davis.				
	Walter Pollard				

- 2 Art. To know the mind of the Town, whether the Swine shall go at Large under the regulations of the Law this Present year. Voted in the Affirmative.
- 3 Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High-ways this Present year. Voted Thirty Pound, Lawful money. £ 30-0-0
- 4 Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High-ways Voted the Same as last year. Viz. that mens Labour be Two Shillings per day till the Last day of September; and in the rest of the year one Shilling per day; and that a yoke of oxen one Shilling per day; and for a Cart four pence per day thro. the year. and if any Person do not work out their rate (upon Lawful warning) they shall pay the same in money to the Constables. and those that shall Casually over work their rate shall have Credit for next year. Excepting the Surveyor of High ways, who shall be paid in money for what they over-work their rates.
- 5 Art. To know whether the Town will Remit the whole, or any part of the Rates of Jonathan Cutler of Lexington for the year one thousand Seven Hundred and forty nine. Voted to remit one Half thereof.
- 6 Art. To know whether the Town will Remit the whole, or any part of the Rates of Thomas Woolley of Monson for the year one thousand Seven Hundred and forty nine. Proposed whether they would Remit any part thereof and Voted in the Negative.

Bedford May 4th 18th 1752.

At a General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on Said Day at Three a Clock in the afternoon, the following Articles were Transacted Viz.

1. Art. To know whether the Town will Elect and Depute a Good and Lawful Person to Serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court, this Present year. Voted in the Negative.
2. Art. To know what the Town will allow Stephen Harkwell Surveyor of High-ways to work out, on the way between the widows Sarah Harkwell's House, and Samuel Bacon's land. Voted ten Shillings.

Bedford July 4th 22nd 1752. At a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Bedford, Legally Assembled on Said day at five a Clock in the afternoon, The following Paragraph was acted Viz.

1. Art. To know the mind of the Town, whether they will Proceed to Send Lucy Bathrick & her Child out of Town in a Course of Law. Voted in the Affirmative.

Proposed also ^{and voted} to Choose a Committee of Two men, to manage that affair in behalf of the Town Through the Law. Viz. Sua. Joseph Fitch } Comm^{tee}
Josiah Faget }

2. Nath^l Paige Jun^r Chosen Moderator for Said meeting.

Bedford October 4th 16th 1752. At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Bedford, Legally Assembled on the day above Said, at one a Clock in the afternoon, the following things were acted. Viz.

1. Wth Obed Abbott Chosen Moderator for Said meeting.

1. Art. To know what the Town will Grant to the Rev^d M^r Nicholas Bowser this Present year, as a Ministerial Salary. Voted fifty Three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence Lawful money. ~ ~ ~ £53-6-8.

2. Art. To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges, this Present year. Voted fifteen Pounds. ~ ~ ~ £15--

3. Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School. Voted to have a moving School. Provided the Town be put to no Publick Charge for House-Room therefor.

Voted also to Choose a Committee to Provide a School-master. Viz. John Lane Jun^r, Col. John Paige, Joseph Heartwell, and Josiah Davis.

4. Art. To know in what Method the Town will Proceed Relating to M^r Bowser's wood, this Present year. Voted that the wood be Carried to M^r Bowser by the first day of January next (at four Shillings per Cord.

Voted also that Job Lane Jun^r be the Committee to Provide the Remainder of wood, (that is not brought by the Town) at four Shillings per Cord and above said; which he Declared his acceptance of.

An Account of the Rates for the year 1752. £. s. d. q.

The Province Tax, Fifty Seven Pounds Seven Shillings
and Eleven pence — — — — —

57-7-11.

Committed of the Province Tax unto Hugh Maxwell Constable

Thirty Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Six pence half penny. 33-13-6½.

And to Joseph Need, Constable. Twenty Three pounds fourteen
Shillings & four pence half penny — — — — —

23-14-4½

57-7-11.

The County Tax. Five pounds one Shilling & Six pence — 5-1-6

Committed of the County Tax unto Hugh Maxwell Con^{le} Three Pounds Nine Shill^g

and Six pence three farthings, — — — — —

3-9-6:3

and to Joseph Need Con^{le} One Pound Eleven Shillings & Eleven
pence one farthing — — — — —

1-11-11:1

£ 5-1-6.

There is over-plus in Said Maxwell's Province ^{List} four Shillings & two pence. 4-2.

and in his County List Six pence — — — — —

0-0-6

Committed of the Town Rate to Said Maxwell Con^{le} Thirty Eight
Pounds Thirteen Shillings & Six pence. — — — — —

£ 38-13-6.

Sum total

38-18-2.

Added to Hugh Maxwell Con^{le} List for half a Poll four Shillings & half penny

0-4-10

Sum total.

£ 39-3-0.

Jan^{ry} 26 The arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to Hugh Maxwell Con^{le}

1753 to Collect are Thirteen Shillings & four pence half penny — — — — —

0-13-4-2

Feb^{ry} 26 The arrears of the wood Rate for M^r Hugh Maxwell Constable

1753 to Collect are Nineteen Shillings & Nine pence three farthings 0-19-9-8

£ 1-13-2-1

There is over-Plus in Joseph Need, Con^{le} Province List fourteen
Shillings & Two pence — — — — —

£ 0-14-2.

and in his County List Seventeen Shillings & Eleven pence — — — — —

0-17-11

Committed ^{of the Town Rate} unto Said Need Con^{le} Twenty Seven Pounds Twelve
Shillings & Nine pence — — — — —

27-12-9

Sum total

£ 29-4-10

Jan^{ry} 26 The arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to Joseph Need Con^{le}

1753 to Collect are Three Shillings & Eight pence — — — — —

0-3-8

Feb^{ry} 26 The arrears of the wood Rate for M^r Joseph Need Constable to

1753 Collect are sixteen Shillings & Seven pence one farthing. — — — — —

0-16-7-1

£ 1-0-3-1

An Account of Orders,

AD 1753.

		£	s	d	q
Feb ^y 26. 1753	Dea Israel Putnam to Cont ^{le} Maxfield for Service as Afsessor, for mending the Pound, Sweeping & Mending Horse, & keeping Lucy Barthrick Child	0	18	8	+
	To the Town Treasurer, part	0	08	0	+
	Lieu Joseph Fitch to Cont ^{le} Meed. for Service as Afsessor, as a Com ^{tee} keeping Lucy Barthrick Child	1	5	8	+
	To the Town Treasurer, Part Given back for Josiah Crosby's Rates to Nath ^l Meriam	0	11	6	
	Benjamin Bacon to Cont ^{le} Maxfield, to Making Rates, & Mending of Pound. Part	0	4	0	+
	To the Town Treasurer, Part	0	4	0	+
	Walter Pollard to Cont ^{le} Maxfield, to Expence, and High-way-work. Part	0	15	6	+
	To the Town Treasurer. Part	0	14	6	3+
	Benj ^d Danforth to Cont ^{le} Maxfield, for Expence, and High-way-work, Part.	0	3	0	+
	To the Town Treasurer, part.	0	2	11	3+
Arch 5. 1753.	Job Lane Jun ^r to Cont ^{le} Maxfield for wood to m ^r Bower for 4 years 1751, 1752.	1	0	7	+
	To Town Treasurer part.	1	11	3	+
	Cap James Lane to Cont ^{le} Maxfield for wood to m ^r Bower for the year 1751.	0	7	8	+
	To Town Treasurer part Seven Shillings & Nine pence	0	7	9	+
	Walter Pollard to Treasurer on account of Tho. McCordey's Rates paid by Benj ^d Fitch and taken out of Dea. Putnam's order, by order of D Benj ^d Fitch	0	10	8	+
March 12.	Nath ^l Meriam to Treasurer for Josiah Crosby's Rates Discounted with Lieu Jos. Fitch 11/6. Abated by the Selectmen of 7	0	12	1	+
Arch 26.	Josiah Tapet to Treasurer for Service as Treasurer 6/8 as Com ^{tee}				
	3/10 for carrying Lucy Barthrick & Child to Rutland & 6/8 Returned				
March 26.	To Josiah Tapet Town Treasurer for Part of his Service as a Com ^{tee} on	1	19	1	3+
April 2.	Josiah Tapet to Town Treasurer for Part of Service as Com ^{tee} £1.8.8.1/4 for carrying Lucy Barthrick & Child to Rutland £1.6.8. for Service as Treasurer £0.6.8.	3	2	0	1+
May 23.	Em John Meriam to Cont ^{le} Meed for Boarding & School-master. part	0	5	4	+
	To the Town Treasurer, part	0	5	4	+
	John Lane Jun ^r to Cont ^{le} Maxfield, for Boarding & School-master. part	0	5	4	+
	To the Town Treasurer, part	0	5	4	+
June 25.	Stephen Heartwell to Cont ^{le} Meed. for High-way-work, part	0	1	9	+
	To the Town Treasurer, part	0	1	9	+
June 28.	Walter Pollard to Treasurer on account of Thomas McCordey's Rates. which money was laid out for a Set of Troy Weights & Scales.	0	14	4	+
Aug 3.	Richard Wheeler to Treasurer for two Dollars paid Josiah Tapet for m ^r Trobridge	0	12	0	X
Sept 6.	William Hunt to Treasurer for keeping School 5 months in 4 years 1752	6	0	0	+
Oct 11.	Timothy Willson to Hugh Maxwell Com ^{tee} for part of his Rates abated	0	5	4	+
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Bedford March 5th 1755

A General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on the day Above Said, at Nine a Clock in the fore noon. the following things were acted. Viz.

Sundry Persons Names were Laid before the Town & by them Accepted and accordingly put into the Boxes, to Serve on the petit Jurys Respectively.

Jonathan Woolley Chosen to Serve on the Grand Jury. Sworn

E. John Lane Chosen Moderator for Said Meeting. Sworn.

1. Art. To Choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

Select-men { Stephen Davis
Richard Wheeler } Sworn
Dea Job Lane } as before.

Town Clerk / Stephen Davis / Sworn

Town Treas. / Benjamin Hilder / Sworn

Constable { John Bacon
Samuel Bacon } Sworn

Surveyors { Oliver Pollard
Joseph Willson } Sworn.
Thomas Woolley
Ebenezer Jones

Assessing-men { John Lane Jun^r
Timothy Heartwell } Sworn

Fence Viewers { Job Lane Jun^r
Thomas Perry } Sworn
Nathanad Meriam

Hog-keepers { Jabez Russell
Thomas Perry } Sworn

Scales of Measure { Col. Nath^l. Paige Jun^r / Sworn

Sealer Leather / Benjamin Bacon / Sworn

Deer Keepers { Lieut. Joseph Fitch
Thomas Woolley. } Sworn.

N.B. That Michael Bacon was Chosen the first Constable, and he agreed with John Bacon to serve for him, whom the Town Accepted of, by a vote, and was accordingly Sworn.

2. Art. To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at Large, this Present year, under the Regulations of the Law. Voted in the Affirmative.

3. Art. To know how much Money the Town will Grant to Repare the High-ways. Voted Thirty five Pounds.

4. Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed, in Reparing the High-ways, this Present year. Voted the Same Method as was Last year (Excepting the Surveyors being paid in money for what they may overwork their Rate) L35-
Viz. That every Labour be two Shilling per day till the last day of September, and in the Rest of the year One Shilling per day; and that for a yoke of Oxen One Shilling per day, and for a Cart four pence per day, through the year. and if any Person do not Work out their Rate (upon Lawful warning) they shall pay the same in money to the Constables; and if any shall Casually overwork their Rate they shall have Credit for the next year.

5. Art. To know the mind of the Town, whether they will Sell to the Highest Bidders. Two, or more, of the Hindmost Seats below in the meetinghouse, through men and Women's Sides, to build Pews thereon, Provided the floor of the Pews be raised but three Inches above the floor of the House; Provided also that no person that is owner of a Pew shall have Liberty to buy one, nor any other person to buy but one, and appropriate the money to Purchase a Bell for the Meetinghouse. and if they will then to Choose a Committee to Lot out the said Pews, and to Dispose of them in Manner above Propord whether the Town will Sell four of the said Seats thro. both Sides, upon Condition that the Possessors of Pews shall have no other Seat in the meetinghouse at the same time. Voted in the Affirmative, by Polling the Assembly.

Voted to Choose three men for a Committee Viz. Ewr. John Meriam, Benj. Hilder & Stepⁿ Hax. Voted also that the said Committee Give an account of their Doings unto the Town at May Meeting.

Bedford March 4 26: 1753.

M^r Josiah Tapet late a Town Treasurer returned to the Selectmen, The Several Persons here after named, Indebted to the Town in the Respective Sums, set against their names, as followeth viz.

Lawful money
£, s, d, q.

Samuel Whitaker one Pound sixteen Shillings & Nine pence	1	16	9	
Nathanad Meriam Twelve Shillings & one penny		12	1	
Walter Pollard £9:10:7 Old tenor, or one Pound five Shill. & five pence	1	5	5	
Samuel Woolley £3:18:11 Old tenor, or ten Shill. & six pence farthing. L.M.	10	6	1	
Joseph Heartwell Seventeen Shilling, & four pence half penny	17	4	2	
Hugh Maxwell Thirty Seven Pound, Seven Shill. & Two pence farthing.	37	7	2	1
Joseph Meed Twenty Nine Pound, four Shill. & ten pence	29	4	10	
Hugh Maxwell again one Pound Thirteen Shill. & two pence farthing	1	13	2	1
Joseph Meed again One Pound and three pence farthing.	1	0	3	1
April 2. The Orders for the above mentioned Sums Transmitted unto 1753. M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer.	Sum total.	£	74	7 7 2

Novem ^r 16 th M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Ordered to 1753. Receive of John Bacon Constable the Sum of Fifty Pound Twelve Shilling, & one penny farthing.	£	50	12	1 1
And of Samuel Bacon Constable the Sum of Thirty Three Pound Nine Shilling, & three pence farthing.	£	33	9	3 1

March 4 th M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Ordered 1754. to Receive of John Bacon Cons ^{le} as arrears of y ^e wood Rate the Sum of One Pound four Shilling & ten pence one farthing.		1	4	10 1
And of Samuel Bacon Cons ^{le} for Ditto, the Sum of One Pound & Six pence		1	0	6

May 2: 1754 M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Recd. £ a note of Joseph Tapet Torsus of Lexington, for part of Jonathan Woolley New lot, the Sum of Three Pound ^{Two} Shillings & Eight pence	£	160	14	4 1
		3	2	8

Novem ^r 15 th M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer, or Supervisor. Ordered 1754. to Receive of John Lane Jun ^r Constable, the Sum of Fifty five Pound, Two Shilling, & Three pence.	£	55	2	3
And of Ebenezer Jones Constable, the Sum of Thirty five Pound & Eight pence.	£	35	0	8

Jan ^y 3: 1755. M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Ordered to Receive of John Lane Jun ^r Cons ^{le} as arrears of the High-way and wood Rates the Sum of One Pound one Shilling & five pence half penny	£	1	1	5 1/2
and of Ebenezer Jones Cons ^{le} for Ditto the sum of One Pound Twelve Shilling, & four pence.	£	1	12	4

Novem ^r 28 th M ^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Ordered 1755. to Receive of Jonathan Grimes Cons ^{le} Fifty five Pound, Six teen Shilling, & Eight pence three farthings.	£	55	16	8 3
and of Oliver Reed Constable thirty Eight Pound, Seven Shilling		38	7	0

Novem ^r 23 rd M ^r Benj. Kidder Town Treasurer or Supervisor Ordered 1756. to Receive of Jon ^s Grimes Cons ^{le} the sum of fourteen Shilling & six pence		14	6	
and of Oliver Reed Cons ^{le} one Shilling & seven pence		1	7	
Summing the arrears of the last High-way Rates	£	35	1	5 1/2

Bedford. April 9th 1753.

A General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the day above
Said, at three a Clock in the afternoon.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator for Said meeting.

1. Article To know whether the Town will Accept of what the Committee
that was Chosen at the Last Town meeting, hath Done, In Dividing and
Disposing of the Pew-Lot in the meetinghouse; and Order the Same to
be put upon Record. Voted in the Affirmative.
2. Art To know how Large a Bell the Town will Purchase for the Meeting-
house; and when, and in what manner they will Proceed to Procure
the Same. Voted to buy a bell not Exceeding Six Hundred, nor less than five
Hundred Pound weight. Voted also to Choose a Committee of Two men
to Procure a Bell Viz Job Lane Jun^r and Benjamin Bacon; and that
they Proceed to send for the Same as soon as may be.
3. Art To know whether the Town will Give Liberty to those Persons that have
bought the Pew-Lot in the meetinghouse, to move one, or two of the next
Seat, any further forward, to Enlarge their Said Pew-Lot, and if they will
then how much. Voted ^{that they have Liberty} to move one Seat Six Inches forward.
4. Art To know whether the Town will Choose a Committee to Examine
into the Estate of the wid. Rebekah French, and to manage that affair
according to their Discretion. Voted in the Affirmative. Voted also to Choose Two men for a Comm.
Viz Jonathan Grimes. & Ebed. Abbott.

Bedford May 22nd 1753. A General Town meeting Legally Assembled on
Said Day, at four a Clock in the afternoon. The following Vote was pass^d

Article To know whether the Town will Elect and Depute a Good & Lawful
Person, to Serve for, and Represent them at the Great & General Court
this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

Whereas the Town of Bedford at their Anniversary Meeting on the fifth day of March A.D. 1753. Voted to Sell to the Highest Bidders four of the Hindmost Seats below in the Meetinghouse thro. mens & womens Sides, to build Pews thereon. and we the Subscribers being at said meeting Chosen a Committee to Lot out & Dispose of the said Pew-Lot in like manner.

In Observance whereof we have Divided & Mark'd out the said Pew-Lots, and also Notified all Persons Concerned to meet on the Twenty Second day of March A.D. 1753. when we proceeded to Sell, to the Highest Bidders, the said Pew-Lots, as follows, Viz.

- Choice The first Choice to Stephen Heartwell, who bid Seventy four Pounds old tenor, and chose the fore most Pew-Lot on the womens Side next the middle ally, which is Six feet and Eight Inches with the Length of the Seat, and four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To Hugh Maxwell, who bid Seventy Two Pounds old tenor, and chose the fore most Pew-Lot on the mens Side, next the middle ally, which is also Six feet & Eight Inches in Length, & four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To Lieut. Joseph Fitch, who bid Sixty Three Pounds old tenor, and chose the fore most Pew-Lot on the mens Side next to the west Door, which is Seven feet in Length, and four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To John Bacon, who bid Sixty Six Pounds old tenor, and chose the fore most Pew-Lot on the womens Side, next the East Door, which is also Seven feet in Length, and four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To Benjamin Bacon, who bid Fifty Eight Pounds old tenor, and chose the Hindmost Pew-Lot on the womens Side, next to the middle ally, which is Six feet & Eight Inches in Length, and four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To Jonathan Woolley, who bid Fifty five Pounds old tenor, and chose the Hindmost Pew-Lot on the mens Side, next to the middle ally, which is also Six feet & Eight Inches in Length, and four feet & Seven Inches in width.
- Choice To Walter Pollard, who bid Thirly five Pounds old tenor, and chose the Hindmost Pew-Lot on the mens Side next to the Stairs, which is Seven feet Long on the fore part and four feet & Eight Inches behind, and four feet & Seven Inches in width, Being on a bevel at the End next to the ally, as it is mark'd out on the floor.
- Choice To Jonathan Grimes who bid Thirly Three Pounds old tenor. for the Hindmost Pew-Lot on the womens Side next to the Stairs, which is also Seven feet Long on the fore part, and five feet behind, and four feet & Seven Inches in width, Being also on a bevel at the End next to the ally, as it is mark'd out on the floor.

All the said Divisions of the Pew-Lots, are mark'd out upon the Sills of the Seats and upon the floor of the House.

John Meriam
Benjamin Hilder
Stephen Davis. } Comm^{tee}

Recorded by Order of the Town.

Sum total of all the Pew lots Pries.
£456

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford October 9th 1753.

A General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on the Day above Said at one o'clock in the afternoon, the following things were acted Viz.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator for said meeting.

1. Art. To know what the Town will Grant to the Rev^d Mr^r Nicholas Bower this Present year, as a ministerial Salary. Voted Fifty Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence.

2. Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray the Charges of the Town, this Present year. Voted Thirty Pounds.

3. Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School. Proposed whether the School shall be kept only in the middle of the Town Voted in the Negative.

Proposed also whether the Schooll shall Remove into the Quarters of the Town, with a Proportionable part in the middle of the Town, at the Discretion of the Com^{tee}. Voted ~~also~~ the Affirmative. Voted also to Choose a Committee of five men for that business Viz^t Mess^{rs} Jeremiah Fitch, Benjamin Fitch, John Meriam, Ebenezer Jones, and Walter Pollard.

4. Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to Mr^r Bower's wood, this Present year. Voted that the wood be Carried to Mr^r Bower by the first day of January next at ~~three~~ three Shillings & Seven pence & Twelve fifteenths of a farthing per Cord.

Voted also that Mess^{rs} Timothy Lane & John Reed be a Committee to provide Mr^r Bower the wood that is not brot by the Town, by the afore^d line, at the price above mentioned, which they accepted of.

5. Art. To know the mind of the Town, where the Bell shall be Hung; and in what manner they will Provide therefor. Voted (by Polling the Assembly) To Hang the Bell about Two Rods & half Northward of the School-house, and as near to Mr. Benj. Kielders wall as can be with Convenience.

Voted also to build a house, not less than Twelve feet, nor more than fourteen feet Square; and that the House be so high as to hang the mouth of the Bell Sixteen feet high.

Likewise Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to manage that affair. Viz^t Mess^{rs} Richard Wheeler, Obed Abbott, John Meriam, Josiah Papet & John Bacon.

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An Account of the Rates for the year 1753. L. S. d. v.
 The Province Tax, is Twenty Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, & Three pence 20:13:3.

Committed of the Province Tax, unto John Bacon Constable to Collect the Sum of Twelve Pounds Seven Shillings, and Seven pence half penny — — — — —	12:7:7½
And unto Samuel Bacon Constable to Collect, The Sum of Eight Pounds five Shillings, & Seven pence half penny — — — — —	8:5:7½
£	20:13:3

The County Tax is five Pounds, eighteen Shillings, & four pence	5:18:4.
Committed of the County Rate unto John Bacon Constable the Sum of Three Pounds ten Shillings, & one penny half penny. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	3:10:1½
And unto Samuel Bacon Constable to Collect, the Sum of Two Pounds eight Shillings, & Two pence half penny. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	2:8:2½
£	5:18:4.

There is over-plus in said John Bacon's County List, the Sum of Three Shilling & one penny. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	0:3:1 ~
Committed of the Town Rate unto John Bacon Constable to Collect, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, Nine Shillings, & one farthing ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	50:9:0¼
Sum Total	50:12:1¼
The arrears of the Wood Rate for M ^r . John Bacon Constable to Collect, are One Pound four Shillings, & ten pence one farthing £	1 4 10¼.

Committed of the Town Rate unto Samuel Bacon Constable to Collect, the Sum of Thirty Three Pounds Nine Shillings, and three pence farthing. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	33:9:3¼.
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The arrears of the Wood Rate for M ^r . Samuel Bacon Con ^{le} to Collect, are One Pound & six pence ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	£ 1:0:6-
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Orders for the year 1753; 4.

L. S. D. 9.

Novem^r. 16th The Town Treasurer Ordered to pay the Rev^d. M^r. Nicholas
1753. Bowes for his Salary Fifty three Pounds Six Shill^{ings} & 8 pence

53 6 8 X

Orders to the Town Treasurer.

Feb^r. 18 To Hugh Maxwell for Carrying Lucy Bathrick to Concord. —

0 2 0 +

Feb^r. 25 To Richard Wheeler for Service as Apsessor, and Perambulating. —

0 7 6 +

To William Hunt for keeping School three months in 1753, & 4

3 12 0 +

May 2. To John Moore for Boarding of School-master Two weeks —

0 4 9 1/2 +

May 6. Josiah Fasset for taking an Attorneys advice Relating to a —

0 6 0 +

June 5. To Dea Job Lane for Power of Guardianship over & wid. Rebekah French &c

0 8 8 +

To Obed Abbott, on account of William Hunt for keeping School 1753, & 4

1 16 0 +

Oct^r. 5. 1755. To Sam^l. Bacon for half Abel Farrars Rate Abated —

1 8 0 +

Nov^r. 3. 1756. Stephen Whitmott for Preaching — — — —

1 8 0 +

Orders to John Bacon Constable.

Jan^r. 7th To m^r. Benjamin Fiddell for mending the Meetinghouse Glass. —

0 11 0 +

Jan^r. 22. Dea Job Lane for Service as Apsessor of Perambulating 2 1/2 —

0 11 0 +

Josiah Fasset for Perambulating on Woborn & Bedford line —

0 1 4 +

John Reed to Ditto — — — —

0 1 4 +

Feb^r. 18. To Benj. Bacon for Boarding the School-master — — — —

0 9 7 +

To Obed Abbott for Perambulating Billerica & Bedford line. —

0 2 0 +

To Benj. Danforth for Entertainment — — — —

0 1 0 3/4 +

Feb^r. 25. Dea Israel Putnam for opening & Sweeping of Meetinghouse —

0 10 0 +

Walter Pollard for Entertainment — — — —

0 8 7 +

March 3. John Reed, for the arrears of of Wood — — — —

1 9 1 3/4 +

Timothy Lane to Ditto — — — —

0 16 2 3/4 +

March 18. Dea Job Lane for paying Jan^r. Danforth for Ringing & Bell 2 mon^{ths}

0 2 0 +

May 6. Dea Job Lane for Boarding the School-master. — — — —

0 7 2 1/2 +

Josiah Fasset for work at the Bellhouse — — — —

0 19 2 1/2 +

Oct^r. 11. Dea Israel Putnam for paying Do^r. Lot Brewster for Do^r. Lucy Barthrick

0 8 0 +

Dea Job Lane for Boarding of School-master, and Charge about of Church Bell &c

1 0 10 +

Orders to Sam. Bacon Constable.

Jan^r. 7th To Richard Wheeler, for keeping of wid. Rebekah French, part. —

1 16 11 +

Feb^r. 11. Thomas Woolley for Perambulating Lexington Line — — — —

0 1 0 +

Nathanail Meriam for Perambulating Lexington Line — — — —

0 1 0 +

Feb^r. 18. To Lin John Meriam for Boarding of School-master one month

0 9 7 +

To Stephen Davis for Service as Apsessor, at Town Clerk &c — — — —

1 4 3 1/2 +

May 2. To Josiah Davis for Boarding of School-master one week — —

0 2 4 3/4 +

May 6. To Tho. Woolley for work at the Bell House — — — —

0 17 1 +

Sum total £

72 8 4 1/4

to the Town Treasurers		The Orders for the year 1754.		S. D. p.	
Nov 25: 1754.	To Mr. Nicholas Bowes, for his salary from June 1 st old stile.	12	0	0	+
Nov 17.	To John Lane J ^r . Con ^l . for so much of John Abbott's Rates, abated.	1	0	+	
Feb 14.	John Bacon, for John Danforth's Rates.	8	8	+	
March 3.	John B. Fielder for paying for mending & whitening house flap	5	11	+	
	M ^r Timothy Minett of Concord for Preaching.	3			
	M ^r Stephen Minett of Concord for Preaching Five Pounds.	5			
	M ^r Josiah Stearns of Haverhill for Preaching.	6			
	M ^r Aaron Putnam of Reading Free rent for Preaching	2	2	8	+
	M ^r Joseph Clark of Newton, for Preaching.	6	18	4	+
May 7	M ^r Benj. Adams of Newberry.	2	2	8	+
May 23.	M ^r Nicholas Bowes for keeping school five months.	9	6	8	+
June 19.	M ^r Obad Abbott, for his son John's Rates abated.	0	9	0	+
June 30.	Ebenezer Jones for Arrears of Highway allowed to be paid in work.	0	9	1	+
	John Bacon for arrears of Highway, to be paid in work.	7	9		
Nov 19	Josiah Tappet, to pay M ^r . Perry for Preaching.	2	0	0	+
Nov 25.	Oliver Pollard for work at the Bell-house.	0	9	10	1/4
Dec 17.	Obad Abbott, for work at the Bell-house.	0	5	4	+
Dec 14.	Dea Job Lane for making Rates, & cost about 4 th wid. French &c	1	8	10	+
	Dea Israel Putnam for making Rates, and several other things.	10			
	John Bacon for making Rates &c	10			
	John Bacon for work at the Bell-house	4	1	1/2	
	Josiah Tappet for making Rates Entertaining ministers &c	1	10	10	+
	Benj. Danforth for Entertainment.	2	5	1/2	
March 3	Edward Stevens for ringing of Bell & sweeping of meeting house	10			
	Walter Pollard for Entertainment &c	16			
	Benj. Moore for service as Treasurer.	6			
May 17.	Dea Job Lane for Copy of Record of High-way from Bills	1	8		
	Dea Israel Putnam for Lamb for 4 th Council, and Hemp for Bell Rope	5			
June 12.	Jonathan Grimes for Arrears of High-way, to be paid in work	12	9		
June 30.	Job Lane J ^r . for wood to M ^r . Nicholas Bowes	15	8		
June 22	Dea Job Lane for 4 th wid. Rebekah French's case at Law.	1	4		
Nov 19	Josiah Tappet, to pay M ^r . Perry for Preaching.	1	9	4	
Nov 25.	Richard Wheeler, for keeping 4 th wid Rebekah French	1	19	1	+
Dec 3.	John Moore for Nine months house rent for 4 th wid French 10/ for abate ^{all}				
	of Cyder 3/ and work at 4 th Bell-house 2/6	15	6		
Dec 17.	Jon ^{as} Woolley for an Order Lost, given Feb. 26: 1753 to Treas. 4/9 1/4 and for a Rope for to Ring the Bell 3/8	8	5	14	
Dec 10	Sam. Bacon for a lock for 4 th Bell-house and some Smith-work &c	2	8		
Dec 14.	Stephen Davis for service &c	1	2	6	
	Step. Hartwell for Shingles for 4 th Bell-house.	12	8		
March 3	Nath Meriam on account of Joseph Brown for Ringing of Bell &c	10			

Bedford March 4th 1754.

A General Town meeting Legally Assembled on Said day at Ten a Clock in the forenoon the following things were Transacted Viz.

Grand Juror. ^{Esq} John Paige Chosen Grand Juror, for the Ensuing year, Sworn.
Moderator. Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator, for ^{the} Meeting.
Article To Choope Town officers for the year Ensuing.

Select men	Stephen Davis	Sworn Assessors.	Tything men	Benjamin Hutchinson Jun ^r	} Sworn
	Dea Job Lane			Joseph Willson	
	John Bacon		Town Viewers	Walter Pollard	} Sworn.
	Dea Israel Putnam			Michael Bacon	
	Eng. Josiah Passet			Samuel Woolley	
Town Clerk	Stephen Davis	Sworn.			
Town Treas ^r	Benjamin Kidder	Sworn	Hog Reavers	Jonathan Taylor	} Sworn
Constab ^{les}	John Lane Jun ^r	} Sworn.		John Reed	
	Ebenezer Jones		Sealer of weight & mea ^s	Benjamin Kidder	Sworn
Surveyors of Highway	Col. John Lane	} Sworn.	Sealer Leather	Benjamin Bacon.	
	Col. Nathanael Paige Sen ^r		Doe's Reaver	Cap. Joseph Fitch	} Sworn.
	Samuel Meriam			Obed Abbott	
	Richard Wheeler				
	Dea Israel Putnam				

- 2 Art. To know the mind of the Town, whether the Swine shall go at Large this Present year, under the Regulations of the Law. Voted in the Affirmative.
- 3 Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High-way, this Present year. Voted Thirty five Pound. — — — — — £ 35 =
- 4 Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High-way. Voted the same as was Last year. Viz. That mens Labour be Two Shilling per Day, untill the Last Day of September, and in the Rest of the year one Shilling per Day, and for a yoke of Oxen one Shilling per day, and for a Cart four pence per day through the year, and that if any Person do not workout their Rate (upon Lawful warning) they shall pay the same in money to the Constables, and that if any shall overwork their Rate they shall have Credit for the next year.
- 5 Art. To know whether the Town will give Liberty to any or all those Persons that are Returned in debt to the Last High-way Rate, to pay the same in work, this Present year. Voted that all Said Persons have Liberty to pay their Rates in work.
- 6 Art. To know the mind of the Town, whether the Remainder of the money that the Pew-Sets were sold for, over & above what the Bell Cost, shall go to pay for Building the Bell-House. Voted in the Affirmative.

Bedford May 4th 1754. At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the day above said at three a Clock in the afternoon, the following article was put to Vote. Viz.

Article To know whether the Town will Elect and Depute a Good and Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

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Bedford September 2^d 1754.

At a General Townmeeting Legally Assembled on Said Day at four a Clock in the after noon, The following Votes were Passed viz.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator for the P. meeting.

Art. To See if the Town will Consent with the Church, in the Dismissal of the Rev. Mr. Nicholas Bowes. Voted in the Affirmative.

Art. To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Provide for the Supply of the Pulpit; and Entertainment for those that shall Supply it.

Voted & Chose Messrs Benjamin Kidder, Jonathan Woolley, and Dea Israel Putnam, to be a Committee for P. Purpose.

Bedford October 18th 1754.

At a General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on Said Day at one a Clock in the after noon the following Articles were acted upon viz.

Mr. John Bacon Chosen Moderator for Said meeting.

Article To See what the Town will Grant to & Rev. Mr. Nicholas Bowes for his Salary from the first Day of June last, till he was Dismissed.

Voted Twelve Pounds.

Art. To See what the Town will Do Relating to Mr. Bowes's wood.

Voted that Tob Lane Jun^r be the Committee to Provide Mr. Bowes his Due of wood from 1st of June last till he was Dismissed, that is not Carried by the Town by the first Day of January next, at Three Shillings & Six pence per Cord; which he accepted of.

Art. To See how much money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges this Present year. Voted Ninety Pounds, including Mr. Bowes's Salary.

Art. To know in what Method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School. Proposed whether the School shall be kept only in the School-house and Voted in the Negative.

Proposed also whether the School shall remove into the Quarters of the Town Provided that it be at no Charge for House-room therefor. Voted in the Affirmative. Likewise Voted to Choose a Committee of five men to Provide for the School. Viz. Messrs Benjamin Danforth, Jeremiah Fitch, Walter Pollard, Stephen Hartwell, and John Moore.

Art. To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Provide for the Supply of the Pulpit; and Entertainment for those that shall Supply it.

Voted to Choose three men for a Committee, Voted also to Choose them by written vote. Viz. Stephen Davis, Josiah Rapet, and John Bacon.

Art. To know whether the Town will be at the Charge of a Trial in the Law, Relating to the wid. Zebekah French's Estates.

Voted to ^{be} continued ~~that~~ till the next Town meeting.

At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the adjournment from the Third to the fourth Day of March A. 1755. The above Continued Article was Considered & Voted in the Affirmative.

An Account of the Rates & Taxes for 4 years 1754. L. S. D.

The Province Tax, Forty one Pound, Six Shillings & 6 pence. 41: 6: 6

Committed of the Province Tax unto John Lane Jun^r.
Constable to Collect, the Sum of Twenty four Pound
Nine Shillings & Two pence ————— 24: 9: 2

And unto Ebenezer Jones, Constable to Collect, the
Sum of Sixteen Pound, Seventeen Shillings, & four pence 16: 17: 4.
£ 41: 6: 6

The County Tax: Three Pound, Seven Shilling, &
Seven pence half penny. ————— 3: 7: 7½

Committed of the County Tax unto John Lane Jun^r.
Constable to Collect, the Sum of Two Pound One Shilling
& Two pence farthing ————— 2: 1: 2¼
And unto Ebenezer Jones Constable to Collect, the Sum
of One Pound, Six Shilling, & five pence one farthing 1: 6: 5¼
£ 3: 7: 7½

There is over-plus, in John Lane Jun^r. Province Lit, the
Sum of One Pound Six Shilling, & Seven pence. ————— 1: 6: 7
and in Said Lane's County Lit, Two pence ————— 0: 0: 2
Committed of the Town Rate unto John Lane Jun^r. Constable to
Collect, the Sum of Fifty Three Pound fifteen Shillings, and
Six pence. ————— £ 53: 15: 6.

Sum total £ 55: 2: 3

The Arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to John Lane
Jun^r. Const^{le} to Collect in money, are Twelve Shillings & Nine pence ¾ q. — 0: 12: 9¾

The Arrears of the Wood Rate for John Lane Jun^r. Const^{le}
to Collect, are Eight Shillings & Seven pence Three farthings, — 0: 8: 7¾
£ 1: 1: 5½

Committed of the Town Rate unto Ebenezer Jones
Constable to Collect, The Sum of Thirty five Pound,
and Eight pence. ————— £ 35: 0: 8.

The arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to Ebenezer
Jones Const^{le} to Collect, in money, are One Pound five Shillings
and three pence farthing. ————— £ 1: 5: 3¼

The Arrears of the Wood Rate for Ebenezer Jones Const^{le}
to Collect, are Seven Shilling, & Three farthings. ————— 0: 7: 0¾
£ 1: 12: 4

Rates for the year 1755. £. S. D.

The Province Tax Bills — — — — — { $\begin{array}{r} 82:13:0 \\ 41:6:6 \\ \hline 123:19:6 \end{array}$

Committed of the Province Tax unto Jonathan Grimes
Constable to Collect. The Sum of Seventy four Pounds fifteen
Shillings & Nine pence. — — — — — 74:15:9
and unto Oliver Reed Constable to Collect the Sum of
Forty nine Pounds three Shillings & Nine Pence. — — — — — 49:3:9
£ 123:19:6

The County Tax; four Pound, one shilling two pence £ 4:1:2

Committed of the County Tax unto Jonathan Grimes
Constable to Collect, Two Pounds, Nine Shilling, & five pence farthing £ 2-9-5-1
and unto Oliver Reed Constable one Pound Eleven Shillings
& Eight pence three farthings — — — — — £ 1-11-8-3
4-1-2

There is over Plus in Oliver Reed, Province List — — — — — £ 0-17-0
and in his County List Two Shillings, Two pence & three farthing, 0-2-2-3

Committed of the Town Rate unto Oliver Reed Constable
to Collect Thirty Seven Pounds Seven Shilling, & Nine pence farthing. 37-7 9 1

The arrears of the High-way Rate Committed to Oliver Reed Constable to Collect, is One Shilling & 7 pence — — — — — £ 38-7-0-1-7.

Committed of the Town Rate unto Jonathan Grimes Constable
to Collect Fifty five Pound, Sixteen Shilling, & Eight pence three farthing, £ 55-16-8-3

The arrears of the High-way Rate for Jonathan Grimes
Constable to pay in, is fourteen Shilling, & six pence — — — — — £ 0-14-6

Bedford March 23. 1755.

The General Town Meeting Legally assembled on 2^d Day
at Nine of the Clock in the Morning, the following things
were Acted Viz.

1st Art. Mr. Benjamin Fitch Chosen Grand Juror for the Ensuing year.
2^d Art. Cap. Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator for 2^d meeting.
3^d Article To Choope Town officers for the year Ensuing.

Select- men	{	Stephen Davis.	} Sworn	Tyth- ing men	{	Michael Bacon	} Sworn		
		Lieut. John Meriam				John Lane Tertio.			
		Dea. Job Lane				Walter Pollard			
		Cap. Joseph Fitch				Job Lane Junr.			
		Mr. Beny. Hutchinson		Seniors viewers					
Town Clerk. Stephen Davis. Sworn				Hog- reaver				David Willson Benjamin Putnam	Sworn
Town Treas. Benjamin Fielder, Sworn				Sealer of Weights measure				Benjamin Fielder, Sworn	
Constab.	{	Jonathan Grimes, Sworn							
		Oliver Reed, Sworn							
Survey- ing	{	Col. John Lane	} Sworn						
		Christopher Paige							
		Thomas Woolley.							
		Samuel Woolley							
		Timothy Hartwell				Sealer of Leather	Benjamin Bacon, Sworn		

2^d Art. To Choope a Committee to Provide for the supply of the Pulpit
and Entertainment for those that supply it. Voted to Choope
five men by written votes for a Committee.
Then the meeting was adjourned to the fourth day of March current
at twelve of the Clock in the Day.

March 4th 1755. The Town met & Passed the following votes Viz.
Chose Josiah Davis, Walter Pollard, Cap. James Lane, Job Lane Junr.
and Stephen Hartwell for the Committee above mentioned.

3^d Art. To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at
Large this present year, under the Regulation of the Law.
Voted in the affirmative.

4th Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the
High-ways. Voted Thirty Pounds.

5th Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the
High-ways. Voted the same method as was last year.

6th Art. To know whether the Town will allow of the High-way Land out by
the Selectmen, by Mr. Bed Abbott, to Billerica Line.
The High-way is laid out as follows Viz.

Bedford January 22. The Selectmen Laid out an Open High-way Two Poles
wide Beginning at a heap of stones being a bound mark Between
Land of Mr. Bed Abbott, and the farm called Oakes farm, the way to go
on 2^d farm by 2^d Abbotts line, till it come to a black-oak tree mark
then turning on 2^d Abbotts land to the corner of a wall then by the
Northeasterly side of 2^d wall as the path is now trod to the Land of
Joseph Hill. said wall & Bound marks are on the westerly side of
the said High-way. Then running on 2^d Hill's land by a line of trees
marked with the letter H to a Large white-oak tree marked near
said Abbotts house, and then turning Northealy to a white oak tree

marked with the letter H near Jonathan Grimes's Land, and so on by the southerly side of P. Grimes's land to the corner of his field, and from thence near upon a straight line (still on P. Hills land) to the westerly corner of P. Grimes's field in B. Merica lines. The boundaries of the High-way on P. Hills land are on the northerly side thereof. Voted to allow of the above said High-way.

Art. To know whether the Town will allow of each or either of the High-ways that the selectmen have laid out on land of Francis and Joseph Willson, and on the farm called Thompsons farm. The High-ways are laid out as follows viz.

ord Jan. 29th The selectmen laid out several ^{open} High-ways as hereafter described. 1755. viz. Beginning at the born line and running on the edge of the farm called Thompsons farm by a ditch between P. farm & land of the Willsons, till it come to a heap of stones at the end of P. Ditch, from thence partly on P. farm & partly on land of Francis Willson to a stake & stones, then wholly on land of P. Willson to a stake & stones by land of Joseph Willson, then on P. Joseph Willsons land by several Walnut trees marked to a heap of stones on a large rock, and from thence by the fore side of P. Joseph Willson House as the way is now trode to the corner of the wall by a Gate, the P. way thus far is laid out one Rod & half wide, and from thence two Rod. wide on land of Francis Willson, and turning by the nor-west side of the wall to the end thereof, then going upon a Circle toward the mill, and so over the pond by the mill to a wild Cherry tree, so to the corner of a wall, and thence to a heap of stones by the Old Road near the Bacon House. all the above named boundaries are on the southerly side of the said High-ways.

Also laid out an open High-way two Rods wide from the Gate above mentioned as the way is now trode to the corner of P. Thompsons farm.

Likewise laid out an open High-way two Poles wide on the northerly ^{east} side of said Thompsons farm by William Simonds land from the High-way near the place called the pitch Hill, to a heap of stones against L. P. Simonds barn from thence turning & running straight into the path and so as the path is trode to a pine tree marked with the letter H on the southeasterly side of the P. High-way, then running straight to a Walnut tree marked at the corner of Joseph Willsons land, on the southeasterly side of P. Highway and on the northerly side of the High-way first mentioned.

Voted to allow of each of the High-ways as above described. Saving that they be not laid open till after one year from the laying out thereof.

Art. To know whether the Town will discontinue the Old High-way from Thompsons farm by Francis Willsons House to where the new High-way comes in near Thomas Bacons House, in exchange for the other High-ways laid out on P. Willson land by the mills.

Voted to discontinue the P. Highway, provided that it be not shut up till the new High-way be made feasible for passing.

Art. To know whether the Town will exchange the High-way or High-ways formerly laid out thro. the farm called Thompsons farm as far as the place called the pitch Hill at the nor-easterly side of the farm for the High-way now laid out on P. farm by William Simonds & so to the Highway that comes from the born line. Voted in the Affirmative.

Art. To know whether the Town will Give Liberty to Francis Willson & Joseph Willson with all other on the east side of the River to work out their Highway Rate for one year or more next ensuing in raising the wharfing & building the bridges over the River by the mills, on condition that they make the same fit for passing with teams & carts. Voted to allow them to work out their Highway Rates for two years next ensuing for P. purpose.

Art. To know whether the Town will Remit Jonathan Grimes's Highway Rate that is now returned to the Town, if not whether they will give him liberty to work out his Highway Rate, or only voted that he have liberty to work out his Highway Rate.

1755.

12. Article To know whether the Town will give Liberty to Samuel
Baron & Ebenezer Jones, to work out the Arrears of their High
way Rate next year. Voted in the Affirmative.
13. Art. To know whether the Town will reconsider their Vote Relating
Page 174. to the Rates of Thomas Colley of Monson. Voted in Affirmative.

Bedford May 31: 1757.

Whereas the Conditions Relating to the Exchange of High Ways
Laid on ~~the~~ ^{the} Lands as they were laid out & accepted at the annual
Town meeting on March 1755, are fulfilled, We do therefore forth
with pay to said Assigns, freely & fully Discharge the Town of Bedford
from all Demand on account thereof, whatsoever.
a. witness our hands.

Francis Willson
Joseph Willson

Bedford May 23: 1755.

At a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of
Bedford Legally assembled on ^{the} day, the following Votes were
Passed viz.

1. Article To know whether the Town will Elect & Depute a good
and Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the great
and General Court, this present year. Voted in the Negative.
- mod^r Cap. Joseph Fitch Chosen moderator for ^{the} meeting.

2. Art. To know whether the Town will accept of Ebenezer Jones
or some other Person that Oliver Reed shall Propose to serve
as Constable in his Room, for the present year.
Said Reed Proposed to the Town whether they would accept of Jones
Grimes to serve as Constable for him; and they Voted in the Negative.

3. Art. To know whether the Town will Choose a Committee further to
Provide for the Supply of the Pulpit.
Voted to Choose a Committee of five men viz. Mess^{rs} Nath^l. Paige
John Meriam, John Reed, Timothy Hartwell, and Benj^m. Danforth.

Bedford September 29: 1755.

At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the ^{the} Town of Bedford
Legally Assembled on the day above said, the following Votes were
Passed viz.

M^r John Meriam Chosen Moderator for ^{the} meeting.

1. Article To know whether it be the mind of the Town that the Church
should Proceed to the Choice of a Gospel minister. If not to
know in what method they will Proceed, in order to come to a
Settlement. The first Clause, Voted in the Affirmative.

2. Article

2. Article To know whether the Town will Choose a Committee further to Provide for the Supply of the Pulpit, &c
 Voted to Choose three men by written Votes for a Committee six mess.^s Benjamin Hutchinson, Benjamin Bacon, & John Lane & 3rd.
 Ar^d. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges, this Present year. Voted Ninety Pounds.
 Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School. Propos'd whether the School shall be kept only in the School-House; Voted in the Negative.
 Propos'd also to Choose five men for a Committee to Provide for the School, six mess.^s Jeremiah Fitch, Job Lane Jun^r, John Bacon, Samuel Bacon, and Josiah Davis.

Bedford November 9th 1755.

- At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Bedford Duly warned & assembled on the Day above Said at one of the Clock in the afternoon, The following Votes, were Pass'd. Six Moderat. M^r Josiah Fasset Chosen Moderator of ^d meeting.
 Article To see if the Town will Concur with the Church in the Choice of M^r Nathaniel Shearman to the Gospel Ministry.
 and if they will then to know what they will Grant him for a Settlement & Salary for his Encouragement & Support.
 And Likewise to Choose a Committee to Treat with M^r Shearman Relating to his settling in this Town.
 Voted a Concurrence with the Church in the Choice of M^r Nathaniel Shearman to the Gospel Ministry, by 38 yeas.
 Voted to Give the Said M^r Nath. Shearman One Hundred & Thirteen Pounds Six Shillings, & Eight pence, one half thereof within one year the other half thereof within two years after he shall be Ordained to the Pastoral office in this Town, for to Enable & Encourage his Settlement as above said.
 Voted also to Give the Said M^r Shearman Fifty Three Pound Six Shillings, & Eight pence for a Salary annually, and twenty Load of firewood annually after he shall come to need it for his own firing; So long as he shall sustain the Pastoral office in this Town.
 Propos'd also & ~~Pass'd~~ Chose five men for a Committee to treat with M^r Shearman, Relating to his settling as above said. Six Mess.^s Dea Job Lane, Stephen Davis, Dea Israel Putnam, Mess.^s Benj. Hutchinson & Nath. Paige.
 Voted Likewise that the meeting be adjourned to Monday the first Day of December next, at Two of the Clock in the after noon. to Receive an answer from M^r Sherman.
 Monday December 9th 1755 Met & adjourned to Monday the fifteenth Day of December Current at Two of the Clock in the afternoon.
 Monday December 15th 1755 The Town Met & Received an answer from M^r Nath. Shearman, ~~and adjourned the meeting.~~ Accepting of the Towns Invitation & Encouragement as above said; and so Dismissed the meeting.

Bedford December 29th 1755.

At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford
regularly assembled on the day above said at one of the Clock in the
after noon, the following Votes were Pass'd. Viz.

M^r Thomas Woolley Chosen moderator of P^r meetings

Article To know the mind of the Town, when the Ordination of M^r Nath^l^o
Sherman shall be.

And also to Choose a Committee to Provide therefor.

And to Do any thing more that shall be Thought Necessary
to Accomodate that affair.

Ordination Proposed whether the Ordination of M^r - Sherman Should be^{on} the
Jan. 21: 1756 Twenty first Day of January next. Voted. in the Affirmative.

Proposed also to Choose five men for a Committee Viz. M^r Nath^l^o
Paige, John Bacon, Obed Abbott, Benj. Kidder, and Josiah Davis
to Provide for the P^r Ordination.

And to Provide Voted also, Six Pounds to Defray the Charges of Entertaining & Conveying
Proposed also that Mess^{rs} Jonathan Grimes, Thomas Perry, & Benj.
Pulnam, be a Committee to Inspect the meeting House, to Open the doors
and keep the seats for the Council & Church.

The widow Dutton from Bellerica by David Dutton

Elizabeth Thornton from Boston by John Lane June 1773

James Hutchinson a Nurse Child from Boston by John Reed June 29. 1774

Rufus Johnson from Concord by Timothy Johnson 1st April 1774

Abigail Wallace from Boston by John Lane October 1. 1774

And Abigail Woodget by James Willson from Bellerica March 1776

James Kiffaged Eleven years from Kaley, by Dr. Stephen Davis July 1776

Esther Stan Shaw from Concord By James Lane January 23. 1778

Pheliewright from Woburn By James Wright. 1st 30 1776

By Wrighting under his hands at the time according to law by S. Wright

Abigail May from Bellerica by Thomas Page November 1778

Benjamin Wheeler from Hollis by James Willson } 1777
December

Mr Fuller and Family from Woburn by Oliver Aaron &
sons & Son May 10th 1778

Samuel Walker from Bellerica by Ezekiah Croft

And 1st 1st 1st from Dracut by William Page. April 1777

And 1st 1st 1st from Concord by Edward Thomas May 1778

Samuel Laid from Bellerica by Thomas Page

Eleven years old in February 1780 - 1st 1st 1st 1777

Martha Britton from Bellerica by David Bacon her

15 years old in December 1779

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Rates for the year 1756.

The Province Tax-Bill — — — — £ 123-19-6

Committed of the Province Tax unto John Lane J^r.
Constable to Collect, the Sum of Seventy Three Pounds
Three Shillings & Six pence — — — —

And unto Jonathan Taylor Constable the Sum of
Fifty Pounds & Sixteen Shillings — — — — 73-3-6
50-16 —

The County Tax is Four Pound one Shilling 4-1 2½
& two pence half penny — — — — £ 123-19-6

Committed of the County Tax unto John Lane J^r.
Constable Two Pound, three Shilling & ten pence one farthing 2-3 10½

And unto Jonathan Taylor Constable one Pound
Seventeen Shilling & four pence one farthing — — — — 1-17 4½
total £ 4-1-2½

Over-Plus in John Lane J^r. Province List, Two
Pounds Twelve Shillings & three pence — — — — 2-12-3

Over-plus in P Lane's County list ten Shilling, seven pence — — — — 10-7

Committed of the Town & Minister Rate unto P Lane
the Sum of Sixty Seven Pound, fifteen Shillings & ten
pence half penny — — — — 67-15-10½

The arrears of the High-way Rate for John Lane J^r. total £ 70-18-8 2
Constable to Collect, are One Pound Two Shillings, Two pence 3 farth. 1-2-2¾

Committed of the Town & Minister Rate unto
Jonathan Taylor Constable to Collect, the Sum of Forty
five Pound, ten Shilling, & one farthing — — — — 45-10-0¼

The arrears of the High-way Rate for Jonathan Taylor
Constable to Collect are Ten Shillings, four pence & one farthing. — 0-10-4¼

To & Treasured. Orders for y ^e year 1755.		£. S. D.			
Decem. 17. 1755.	Dea Israel Putnam for m ^d . Holyoke for Preaching.	2	13	4	+
Feb 9. 1756.	Josiah Davis & John Bacon Com ^{tee} to provide for y ^e Council	2	8	0	+
Feb 13.	Joseph Welch for mending the Meeting House Glasp.	8	4		+
Feb 23.	To the Rev ^d . m ^r . Nath. Sherman for Preaching before his ordination 26 Sabbath & one Fast & one Thanksgiving.	25	12	0	+
	To m ^r . Josiah Hearn for Preaching 20 Days & 8 of Post	15	6	8	+
	To m ^r . Joseph Wheeler for keeping School six weeks	2	0	0	+
	John Reed for Boarding of Minister, Ringing Bell, Post	1	17	1 1/4	+
Feb 9. 1756.	Hugh Maxwell for John Danforth's Rates abated		10	1	+
March 15.	Obad Abbott for Entertaining the Council past	2	19	11	+
	John Bacon for Boarding the School-master.	0	8	0	+
April 7.	m ^r . Timothy Minot of Concord for Preaching Nine Days	9	8	0	+
Aug. 6.	John Reed to pay m ^r . Willard for Preaching 2 Days	2	13	4	+
Feb 25. 1757.	James Lane ju ^r . for bounding. m ^r . Sherman before ordination	19	6		+
To Jonathan Grimes Com ^{tee}					
Feb 9.	Benjamin Hutchinson for Service as Assessor.		3	0	+
Feb 23.	Dea Job Lane for making Rates 5/ for Sundaries for the wid. French 1-12-9 her Case at Law 8-2 3/4 Rates at for income at England abated 1-9 1/2	1	16	9 1/4	
	Nath. Paige for m ^r . Benj. Adams for Preaching	1	1	4	+
	John Reed for Boarding Minister, & Ringing Bell & Post	1	14	10 3/4	
	John Paige for Rates of two oxen & one Cow, abated.		4	11	
March 1.	Walter Pollard for Sundaries for y ^e Bell-wheel & Entertainment	1	0	0	+
	Benj. Fielder for Service as Treasurer	0	6	0	+
March 5.	Nath. Paige for Entertainment for y ^e Council.		15	11	+
	Benj. Fielder for Entertaining y ^e Council.		10	8	+
March 15.	John Bacon for Entertaining y ^e Council.	1	3	2	+
	Obad. Abbott for Enter. Council, past	1	13	2 1/2	+
May 21.	John Lane ju ^r . for Boarding y ^e School-master		8	0	+
Aug. 6.	James Lane ju ^r . for Boarding the Rev ^d . m ^r . Nath. Sherman before his ordination, Part.	1	0	6 1/2	+
Dec. 10.	Job Lane ju ^r . for Boarding School-master, 10/8 Rates for y ^e farm abated 4/ for keeping m ^r . Benj. Adams & m ^r . Josiah Hearn 4/3		18	11	+
To Oliver Reed Com ^{tee}					
Feb 9.	John Merriam for taking of Invoice & making Rates		8	6	+
Feb 13.	Richard Wheeler for wood & milk for y ^e wid. French		16	0	+
	John Moore for Sundries for y ^e wid. French 1-12-9 1/2 for House room for y ^e widow to his time 13-4.	2	6	1 1/2	+
Feb 23.	Cap. Fitch for making Rates 6/ mending y ^e Bell-wheel 11/-	0	17	0	+
March 1.	Step. Davis for keeping School & Service &c.	2	10	1 1/2	+
March 5.	Josiah Davis for Council 12/3 Boarding y ^e School-master 5/4		17	7	+
May 21.	Doc ^r John Cleverly for Doctring wid. French		8	2	+
July 8.	Josiah Davis for Paying John Monroe for keeping School	2	0	0	+

Bedford March 4th 1756.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on Said Day at nine a Clock in the fore noon, the following things were acted. Viz.

mod. m^r. John Moore Chosen Grand Juror, for the Present year. Sworn.
mod. Dea. Job Lane Chosen Moderator of the Meeting.
Article To Choose Town officers for the year Ensuing.

Elect- { Stephen Davis }
en { Nathanael Paige } Sworn
Assessors { John Meriam }
{ Cap. Joseph Fitch }
{ Timothy Martwell }

on Clerk Stephen Davis, Sworn

on Treas. Obed. Abbott, Sworn.

able { John Lane Jun^r. } Sworn
{ Jonathan Taylor. }

veyon { Obed Abbott }
(high-ways) { Christopher Paige } Sworn
{ Nathanael Meriam }
{ Josiah Davis. }
{ Josiah Tapet. }

tything. { Joseph Meed, } Sworn
men { Ebenezer Jones }

fence { Job Lane Jun^r. } Sworn
viewers { Walter Pollard }

Hog-rear. { Thomas Paige } Sworn
over { Eleazar Davis. }

Sealer of { Josiah Tapet, Sworn
weight and }
measures.

Sealer of Leather Benj. Bacon,

Deer rear. { Cap. James Lane }
{ Cap. Joseph Fitch, } Sworn

B. That John Lane & 3^d was Chosen the first Constable, who agreed with John Lane Jun^r to serve for him, whom the Town accepted of in his room.

Art. To know whether the Swine shall go at Large this Present year, Voted in the Affirmative.

Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to repair the High-ways. Voted Thirty Pound, for the High-ways, and to Repair round the Meeting House.

Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High-ways. Voted the same as was Last year.

Art. To know whether the Town will allow the Committee's accounts of Cost in Entertaining the Council.
Voted to allow the Comm^{tees} accounts being in the whole, ten Pounds three shilling, & one penny half penny. - £10-3-1½

Bedford May 21: 1756.

At a General Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the Day above said at four a Clock in the after noon

It was Proposed to know the mind of the Town, whether they will Elect and Return a Good & Lawful Person to serve for and Represent them at the Great & General Court, this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

Bedford March 4th 1756.

M^r. Benjamin Kiddle late Town Treasurer, in
reckoning with the selectmen returned the
Several Persons hereafter ^{mentioned} in Debt to the Town
in the Respective Sums set against their names
Viz.

£ 5, 2

Samuel Woolley one Shilling, Six pence & one farth.	—	1	6	1/4
Joseph Mariwell Seventeen Shill. & four pence half penny	—	17	4	1/2
Samuel Whitaker, one Pound Sixteen Shillings, Nine pence	1	16	9	
Hugh Maxwell Two Pounds Two Shill. & Nine pence half penny	2	2	9	1/2
Samuel Bacon Six Pound, Six Shill. & five pence farthing.	6	6	5	1/4
John Lane Jun ^r , ten Shillings.	—	10	0	
Benozzer Jones ten Pound, four Shillings, & Eleven pence	10	4	11	
Tina Grimes Fifty six Pound, Eleven Shill. & two pence three ^{things}	56	11	2	3/4
Oliver Reed Thirty Eight Pound, Eight Shillings, Seven pence	38	8	7	

March 15th 1756. The Orders for the above mentioned Sums. £

116 19 7 1/4

1756. Committed to M^r. Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer.

Also Comitted to P^r. Abbott a note from Benj. Kiddle
of Six Pound, Nineteen Shillings, & Six pence.

6 19 6

And Money Delivered to P^r. Treasures Three Pound.

& one Shilling & six pence.

3 1 6

Novemb^r. 19th 1756.

£ 127 00 7 1/4

M^r. Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer, or Successor, Ordered
to receive of John Lane Jun^r. Constable, Seventy Pound,

Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence half penny.

70 18 8 1/2

And of Jonathan Taylor Constable, the Sum of Forty
five Pound ten Shillings, & one farthing.

45 10 0 1/4

February 25th M^r. Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer, or Successor
Ordered, to receive of John Lane Jun^r. Conf. one pound

two Shillings two pence & three farthings.

1 2 2 3/4

And of Jonathan Taylor Conf. ten Shilling, & four
pence farthing.

10 4 1/4

£ 245 1 11

March 15th 1757.

M^r. Obed. Abbott late Town Treasures Returned
Several of the late Constables & Others, Indebted to the
Town the Sum of One Hundred fifty four Pound six
Shillings, & half a penny.

154 6 0 1/2

Also Recd. of said Abbott in money & Orders
the Sum of Ninety Pound, fifteen Shilling, & ten
pence half penny. In full

90 15 10 1/2

245 1 11

Bedford November 9th 1756.

At a General meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the Day above said at Two a Clock in the afternoon, the following Votes were passed viz.

Cap. Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator of a meeting.

Article To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges, this present year. Voted six pounds. £6-0-0

Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School. Proposed whether the School shall be kept the first five months in the School-House. Voted in the Negative; Voted to Choose five men for a Committee to provide a school-master, viz John Lane & 3rd, Walter Pollard, Josiah Davis, Christopher Paige, & Nathaniel Meriam. Voted also that the Town be at no Charge for House-room, or fire-wood, for the school.

Art. To know whether the Town will Give the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Sherman a Sufficiency of wood, for his own fire, for the ensuing winter. Voted to Leave it with the Selectmen to provide Mr. Sherman a Sufficiency of fire-wood.

Bedford December 27th 1756.

At a General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on P Day at Three a Clock in the afternoon, the following Votes were passed viz. Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator of P. meeting.

Article To know whether it be the mind of the Town, that Dea Job Lane Guardian to the wid. Rebekah French, should agree with Sam^l Woolley as to the Case in Law Relating to the P. widows Dower upon Condition of P. Woolley's bearing the Expence that he hath been at therein, and paying Eighteen Shillings & Six pence towards the Cost of the Reference, and also paying to the P. Guardian or his Successor, towards the Support of the said Rebekah French four Dollars per annum, During her natural life.

The article was Debated, and a Committee nominated to Examine into the affair Relating to the Cost, &c and to Endeavour a more Satisfactory agreement. and so the meeting was adjourned to Friday the Seventh Day of January next at two a clock in the afternoon.

January 7th 1757. The Town met and it was proposed whether they would Grant the above P. article, and the Town voted in the Negative.

Order for the year 1756.

Nov. 19 th	Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer ordered to pay the 1756. Geo. W. Nath. Sherman, for his Salary & half his ^{ment} little.	110-0-0
Feb. 18:	Ebenezer Jones late Ent. for wid. Mary Meriam's High. way	0-3-1/2
1757.	Rate Discounted by St John Meriam	0-6-5
Feb. 25:	to Joseph Hartwell, for David Taylors Rates, for his Son Jonathan Tayler, in the year 1750. abated	3-0-0
March 22:	Humphrey Peirce, for keeping School. Part	4-4-0
April 8:	Humphrey Peirce for keeping School, the other	0-17-0
May 23:	Dea Job Lane for his Est as Guardian for wid. French, part	0-3-0
	Heb. Davis for tending Court, in y ^e wid. French's Case	5-6-8
May 31.	William Grimes for a High-way	2-13-4
Septem. 21:	Cap. Joseph Fitch for Powder & bullets for Town Stock.	0-16-0
August 4.	John Bacon for mending & meeting Hovey's	9-0-0
January 13:	for John. Abbott Decapd. Province Rate	

Orders to John Lane Jr.

Feb. 25:	Dea Lane for y ^e wid. French 9-5. Perambulating 2/	0-11-5
1757. Tim. Hartwell	for Service 3/ for Perambulating 2/ & Shelopay	0-5-8
John Reed		0-17-8
Jonas Bowman,	for his son Jonas Deceased. Poll abated	0-11-6
Nath. Paige	for Assessing & Perambulating &c	0-4-8
Benjamin Danforth,	for Entertainment	0-18-8
March 2:	Edward Stevens for hanging the Bell & sweeping y ^e Meetinghouse.	0-2-0
Josiah. Tabor,	for Perambulating Billerica line	0-14-0
Walter Pollard	for Entertainment	0-6-0
March 15:	Obed Abbott for Service as Treasurer	1-7-9 1/2
May 13:	Dea Job Lane, for David Jones for keeping wid. French 12	3-11-3
May 23:	Dea Job Lane, for his Est in the wid. Heb. French's Case part	0-13-0
	Walter Pollard, for Entertaining the Referees, in y ^e wid. French's	0-6-0
May 31,	to Joseph Willson for work done at the Bridge in	0-1-11
	Lieu of Hugh Maxwells work &c	0-17-8
June 3:	John Paige, for one ox Rated at Hardwick	0-16-2
July 27.	The Perry for the Rates of his Poll	
Octo. 29	John Bacon for Sheremans wood 10/6 wid. French. wood 5/8	

Order to John Taylor Constable

Jan. 14.	John Moore for House room for y ^e wid. Reb. French	1-9-9
1757. till Dec. 22.	last and for Sundaries for her Support	1-0-0
Feb. 18.	Richard Whetles for Perambulating Concord line	0-4-0
Feb. 25:	Cap. Joseph Fitch for Service at Assessor	0-8-10
	Sam. Bacon for his boys Rates abated	0-10-0
	St John. Meriam for Service as Sheriff & Perambulating &c	1-6-5
	Stephen Davis for Service, Entering Caution, Perambulating &c	0-5-4
May 23:	Cap. Joseph Fitch for Service in y ^e wid. French's Case at Law	0-7-0
	Josiah Davis for Entertaining the Referees, & tending Court, in y ^e wid. French's	0-1-0
June 18.	Nath. Meriam for Perambulating Lexington line	0-17-8
August 31.	Lecharian Fitch for his Son William's Rates	0-2-8
Septem. 21.	Cap. Joseph Fitch for a ball-hope	

Orders for the year 1757.

(200)

Novem ^r 4 th	John Bacon Town Treasurer or Surveyor	
1757.	ordered to pay to the Rev. Mr. Nath ^l . Sherman by the	
	Eighteenth day of February next, The sum of One Hundred	
	and Twelve Pound,	£112-0-0
Novem ^r 23	Jonathan Taylor for David Taylors High-way Rate.	0-2-10+
1758.	Oliver Reed, for Ebenezer Jones. High-way Rate, part.	0-0-7+
March 20.	Humphrey Peirce, for keeping School 18 weeks.	4-6-8+
June 29.	John Reed, for John Woolleys Rates for 1757. abated.	1-3-6+

Orders to John Lane Conf ^l		
January 13.	Hugh Maxwell for his son Benj ^{ms} Rates abated.	0-07-8+
February 13.	Josiah Tasset, for Service as Assessor, Mending	
	the School-house, and boarding the School-Master.	1-14-0+
	John Bacon, for Service as Assessor, Mending of School-House.	0-11-3+
March 6.	Benja Putnam for Ringing of Bell, & Sweeping & Mending	0-18-8+
	Walter Pollard Expense 1-3-10 ³ / ₄ to Charles Dwymer	0-5-4-3 - 1-9-3 ¹ / ₂ +
	Josiah Tasset, for paying Jos ^l . Miles for keeping School a month.	1-6-8+
	Benj ^l Danforth, for of Selectmens Expense.	7-4 ¹ / ₂ +
March 20.	Cap. James Lane, for - Walkers Rates Abated.	1-3-6 ¹ / ₂ +
	Thomas Perry, for Boarding the School-Master four weeks.	0-12-0+
April 12.	Joseph Willson, for Paying the School-Master.	1-4-0+
May 9.	Benj. Kidder, for Building the Pound.	3-14-8+
June 26	John Whiling, for his Minister Rate ¹⁷⁵⁷ abated.	0-8-14

Orders to John Reed Conf ^l		
Febr ^y 13: 1758.	Cap. Joseph Fitch for Service as Assessor.	0-8-3+
	Josiah Davis, for Service as Assessor, & keeping of wid. French	7-0-1+
	John Moore, for Josiah Davis for keeping of wid. Rebekah French	0-12-0+
March 6.	Josiah Davis, for what he did for Charles Dwymer.	0-4-8+
	Zeck ^l Fitch, for Provisions for P. Dwymer.	0-2-10+
	Step ^r Davis for Service, Entering Cautions &c.	1-8-4 ¹ / ₂ +

At a General Town meeting Legally assembled on the Second Day of March A.D. 1757. at nine a Clock in the forenoon, the following Voters were P^{as}d. Viz.

Grand Juror Christopher Paige Chosen to serve on the Grand jury.

1. L^y. Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator; Sworn.

2. Article To Choo^e Town officers, for the year ensuing; and Petit Jurors according to Law.

The Petit Jurors were Chosen & put into a Box by reading of Law.

clerk. men	{	Stephen Davis,	Sworn	Ap ^{er} sons.	{	Timothy Hartwell	Sworn
		Cap. Joseph Fitch				Moses Abbott	
		Josiah Fasset					
		John Bacon					
		Josiah Davis			fence	John Lane & 3 ^d	Sworn
					viewers	John Moore	

Town Clerk	Stephen Davis; Sworn.	Hog- reaver	Isaiah Russell Benjamin Putnam	Sworn
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Town Treas. juror.	John Bacon; Sworn.	Sealer of weights & measures	Josiah Fasset; Sworn
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Constable	{ John Lane Jun. John Reed. }	Sworn.	Sealer of Leather	Tarrant Putnam; Sworn
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Surveyor Highway	{	Benj. Hutchinson	Sworn.	To Prosecute the law lawful killing of Deer.	{	Cap. James Lane
		Benj. Danforth				Cap. Joseph Fitch.
		At John Meriam				
		Jonathan Taylor				
		Job Lane Jun.				

N.B. That Timothy Lane was Chosen the first Constable, but he Hiring John Lane Jun^r the Town accepted of him, in His stead.

2 Art. To know whether the Swine shall go at Large, this Present year; Voted in the affirmative

The meeting adjourned to Monday the Seventh of March A.D. 1757. at one a Clock in the after noon.

March 7. The following Voters were P^{as}d Viz.

3. Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High. ways; Voted Twenty Pounds. — — — £ 20- —

4 Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High. ways; Voted the same as was of Last year.

5. Art. To See if the Town will Re-build the Pound; and if they will to Choo^e a Committee for that Purpose, and Give them instructions therein Voted in the affirmative; Voted also to Choo^e five men for a Committee viz John Moore, John Bacon, Timothy Hartwell, John Davis, &c.

Art. — Voted also that the P. Committee Enform them selves how and in what manner, they can best, build a Pound, and make return at the next Town meeting, and then receive instructions from Town.

at a Town meeting on May 13. 1757.
Voted to build a Pound with Timber, the same bigness as the Old Pound and that the Posts, be white Oak, & set in the ground without Call, and the plates & Rails, what Timber they shall be of, is left with the Committee.

Art. To see if it be the mind of the Town that the Selectmen for the year ensuing shall not Grant Orders for more than Six shillings, to one Particular Person and at one time upon one Accompt.
Voted in the Negative.

Art. To know whether the Town will allow Dea Job Lanes Accompt of Cost, as Guardian to the wid. Rebekah French, or any part thereof.

Voted not to allow it Accompt. Proposed Voted three men for a Comm. to Examine said Accompt Viz Dea Israel Putnam, Nath. Paige, and John Moore, Voted also that a Committee make Report at the next Town meeting.

Art. To know whether the Town will allow of the High-way laid out by the Selectmen, on land of William Grimes of Lexington from the Country Road to Woburn line; Voted in the Negative.

At a General Town meeting Legally assembled on the 13th Day of May 1757 the following Votes were passed.

Art. To see if the Town will Elect & Depute a Good & Lawful Person to be of Counsel & Represent them at the Great & General Court, for the ensuing year.

Voted in the Negative
Cap. Joseph Smith chosen moderator of said meeting
Art. To know if the Town will proceed to Act any thing Relating to the Way from the Road that goes to William Grimes, to Woburn line on the land now in the possession of W. Grimes; and if they will then in what manner.
Voted to Choose a Committee to agree with said Grimes for the land and Damages of a way as above said; Or to do any thing else that they shall think best, in case of Non-agreement, Viz Messrs John Bracon Josiah Tappet, and John Reed.

Art. To see if the Town will allow Dea Job Lanes Accompt of Cost, as Guardian to the wid. Rebekah French, according to the Committees Report for any part thereof. Voted to allow the whole Accompt.

Bedford March 15th 1757.

M^r. Obed Abbot late Town Treasurer, in reckoning with the Selectmen Returned the Several Persons hereafter named, Indebted to the Town, as followeth, Vizt.

Samuel Woolley, one Shilling & Six pence one farthing	—	1	6	1
Joseph Hartwell, Seventeen Shillings & four pence half penny	—	17	4	2
Samuel Whitaker, One Pound sixteen Shillings & Nine pence	—	1	16	9
Samuel Bacon, Two Pound nineteen Shillings & Nine pence farthing	2	19	9	
Ebenezer Jones, Twelve Shillings & five pence half penny	—	12	5	
Jonathan Grimes, Twenty Seven Pound Eighteen Shillings & one penny farthing	—	27	18	1
Oliver Reed, One Pound Eighteen Shillings & Nine pence	—	1	18	9
John Lane Jun ^r , Seventy Two Pound & Eleven pence farthing.	—	72	0	11
Jonathan Taylor, Forty Six pound & four pence half penny	—	46	0	4
March 15 th 1757.	£	154	6	0

The Orders for the above mentioned Sums Transmitted to M^r. John Bacon Town Treasurer.

Also on p ^r Day delivered to the p ^r . Treasurers in money Twelve Pound Thirteen Shillings & half a penny	—	12	13	0
and a note from M ^r . Obed Abbot, for his arrears as Treasurer				
one Pound Seventeen Shilling & Nine pence farthing	—	1	17	9
Novem ^r . 4 th 1757.	£	168	16	10

M^r. John Bacon Town Treasurer, or Successor Ordered to receive of John Lane Jun^r Const^{le} the Sum of Twenty Seven Pound, fifteen Shillings & Two pence

and of John Reed Const ^{le} the Sum of Fifty Six Pound, Eighteen Shillings & Ten pence	—	56	18	10
February 13 th M ^r . John Bacon Town Treasurer or Successor Ordered to receive of John Lane Jun ^r Constable the Arrears of the Last High-way-Rate, being four Shillings & Eleven pence half penny	—	—	4	11

Novem ^r . 27 th 1758: M ^r . John Bacon Town Treasurer or Successor Ordered to receive of Benj ⁿ . Hutchinson Jun. Constable, the Sum of Forty Nine Pound four Shill. and Nine pence half penny	—	49	4	9
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and of John Moore Jun. Const ^{le} the Sum of Thirty one Pound Nine Shillings & Eleven pence farthing	—	31	9	11
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Jan 5. 1759 Sam Whitakers Bond taken up	—	384	10	6
Jan 5. 1759 Committed to the Treasurer two notes, from same Whitaker one upon Interest each £1-6-4	—	382	13	2
	—	2	12	8

February 26. M ^r . John Bacon Town Treasurer, or Successor Ordered to receive of Benjamin Hutchinson Const ^{le} the Sum of one Pound, sixteen Shillings & one penny half penny	—	1	16	1
and of John Moore Const ^{le} the Sum of one Pound & one Shilling	—	1	1	0

Being the arrears of the High-way & wood Rates for each of them to collect in money.

Sum total 388 37

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the 29 Day of September A.D. 1757. The following votes were passd. Viz.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen moderator of ^d meeting
 Article To know how much money the Town will grant to Defray Town Charges, this present year. Voted Twenty Pounds. £20-00

Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School.
 Propos'd whether the School should be kept only in the School-House and Voted in the Negative. Voted to have a moving School at the Discretion of a Committee. Dea Israel Putnam, Josiah Tappet, Jeremiah Fitch, Lt John Meriam, & Joseph Willson, Chosen a Comm^{tee} to provide for y^e School.

Art. To know which way the Town will pay the Rev. Mr. Nath. Sherman his wood, for the present year. and upon Mr. Sherman's giving the Town Liberty to give him what they pleas'd in money instead of the wood, they Voted to give him two pounds, instead thereof.

Art. To see if the Town will Join with Mess^{rs} Benjamin Farley & Joseph Tappet of Lexington in Petitioning for a Straight Line between Lexington & Bedford that the said Farley & Tappet may be Annexed to the Town of Bedford; and if they will, then to Choose a Committee to manage that affair as they shall think proper. Voted to be Continued till the next Town-meeting.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the Sixth Day of March A.D. 1758.

The above said Continued Article Voted in the Affirmative on condition that the said Joseph Tappet Provide a convenient way for the said Benjamin Farley his Heirs & Assigns forever ^{those his family} without any Charge to the Town of Bedford in Purchasing the same, in case they be Annexed thereto, or Cap. Joseph Fitch & Mr. Josiah Tappet Chosen a Committee to manage that affair, as above said.

The Town Treasurers Account Brought forward.	£ 388 3-7
from page 217	91-15-11 1/4
March 23-1759. a note from Tim. Hartwell.	2-1-0
Charged for money Recd. on the wid. French's Bond	2-5-4
	£ 484-5-10 1/4
June 20-1760 The Order of money Transmitted unto	£ 496-11-11 1/4
Mr. John Reed Town Treasurer, exclusive of y ^e wid. French's Bonds. is	96-15-7 1/4
The several Receipts of Mr. Bacon Treasurer are	387 10-3
	484-5-10 1/4

Rates for the year 1757.

Province Tax Bill - - - - - £ 185:19:3

Committed (of the Province Tax) unto John Lane Junr
 Con^{ce} to Collect, One Hundred & Seven Pound, & Seven Shilling, 107: 7: 0
 And unto John Reed Con^{ce} to Collect, Seventy Eight Pound,
 Twelve Shillings & Three pence ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 78:12:3
 Sum total £ 185:19:3

The County Tax, Six Pound, fifteen Shilling, & three pence 6-15-3
 Committed (of the County Rate) to John Lane Junr Constable
 to Collect Three Pound, Seventeen Shilling, & ten pence ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 3-17-10
 And unto John Reed Con^{ce} Two Pound, Seventeen Shill. & 5 ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 2-17-5
 £ 6-15-3

The Over. Due in said Lanes Province Lift ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 2-11-7½
 and in his County Lift. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 0-0-7½
 Committed (of the Town Rate) unto John Lane Junr Con^{ce}
 to Collect, Seventy five Pound, Two Shilling, & Eleven pence ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 75-2-11
 Sum total - £ 77-15-2

The arrears of the High way Rate for the year 1757. for
 m^r John Lane Junr Con^{ce} to Collect are four Shilling, & Eleven
 pence half penny ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ £ 0-4-11½

The Over. Due in John Reed's Province Lift ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 2-1-0
 Committed (of the Town Rate) unto Said. Reed to Collect
 Fifty four Pound, Seventeen Shilling, & ten pence. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 54-17-10
 Sum total £ 56-18-10

Know all men by These Presents that I William Grimes of
Lexington in the County of Middlesex in the Province of the
Massachusetts Bay in New England Yeoman, for & in Considerati-
on of Five Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence to me in Hand^{te}
, aid by M^{rs} John Bacon Josiah Papet, et al John Reed a Com^{tee}
of the Town of Bedford in P^r County Have bargained, sold and
Conveyed unto the Said Committee to & for the Use of the Said
Town of Bedford, and by these Presents Do for my Self my Heirs
& assigns, freely, fully & Absolutely Give, Grant, Convey & Confirm
unto the P^r Town of Bedford, An Open High-way Two Rods wide
from Woburn Line to the road that comes from Bedford by my
House; In & near where the path is now trod, bounding on the souther-
ly side of the Said High-way, from a small white^{oak} tree marked by the
Road, to a black oak tree marked then by Two pine trees marked
then to a black oak tree marked, thence to a small black oak marked
near Woburn Line. To Have & to hold The Said High-way to the
Said Town of Bedford forever free & Clear of all other Gifts,
Grants, Conveyances, or Incumbrances whatsoever, that may
in any measure obstruct the Said High-way. Also I the Said
William Grimes, for my Self my Heirs, & assigns, do Covenant &
Grant to & with the Said Committee for the Use of the Said Town
of Bedford, The Said High-way with all the Priviledges thereof
against the Lawful Claims, Chalanges, or demands of any Person
or Persons forever hereafter to warrant Secure & Defend by these
Presents. In witness whereof I the Said William Grimes
do here unto Set my Hand & Seal this Thirty first day of May
Annoque Domini 1754.

given Sealed & Delivered
In the Presence of.

Josiah Davis
Stephen Davis.

William Grimes

1758.

At a General Town-meeting Legally Assembled on the Sixth Day of March A 1758 at nine a Clock in the fore noon, the following Votes were Passed Viz.

Grand Jonathan Grimes Chosen Grand Juror.

Tosiah Fasset Chosen Moderator of 2^d meeting.

1100. To Choose Town officers for the ensuing year.

Dea Job Lane
Stephen Davis
Cap. Joseph Titch
Josiah Trappett
John Paige

Sworn
Apostles

Everything { Job Lane Junr. } See
 men { Stephen Hartwell }

James Lane Junr.
Samuel Woolley } Secs.

Hoq - { Joseph Brown } Sworn
reavq { Samuel Kidder }

Town, Stephen Davis, Sworn

The meeting adjourned for one hour. John Bacon, Town Treas: Simon Driver, Ebenezer Jones. } Sworn

hour. John Darr
Benjamin Hutchinson Jr.
John. Moore Jr. } Sworn Sealers of } Josiah Tasset. Sworn
weights }
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Sealer of } Joseph Hapset. Sworn
weights

on }
 every }
 high- }
 ways }

Bbed. Abbott
 Thomas Perry
 Oliver. Rice
 Josiah Davis
 Timothy Hartwell

Sworn.

Sealer of Leather, Benj. Bacon, Junr
To Prohibit the } Cap. James Lane
unlawful Killing }
of Deer. } Cap. Joseph Fitch
Sworn

2. Art. To know whether the Swine shall go at Large this Present year. Voted in the Affirmative.

3. 4th. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High-ways. Voted Fifteen Pounds.

Apr. 1. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High-ways. Voted that it be the same as was Last year.

5. 1st. To see if the Town will allow of the High-Way Laid out from the Road Leading to William Grimes of Lexington to Worcester line, as it is Described in the Committee and said-Grimes Agreement. Voted in the Affirmative.

6. Arl. To see if the Town will Allow Mess^{rs}. Nath. Page, John Meriam & Elephaz Davis their Cost, or any part of their Cost in the Law Relating to Zechariah Fildes Rates for his son William. Voted not to allow any part thereof.

7. Art. To see if the Town will abate Zechariah Fitch's Rates for his Son Jonas. Voted in the Negative.

D. 1st. To know what the Town will Do with the Bond of Sam^l Whitaker Given to the Treasurer of this Town.
Proposed whether the Town would Cancel said Bond and Voted in the Negative.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the Twenty-Sixth day of May A.D. 1758. at four of the Clock in the afternoon the following Votes were Pass'd Viz.

- While To see if the Town will Elect & Depute, a Good & Lawful Person to Serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this Present year.
Voted in the Negative, --- but Josiah Tapet Chosen Moderator.
- Art. To see if the Town will Allow Col. John Lane to work out his Highway Rate (this Present year) between his House & the Country Road.
Voted in the Affirmative.
- Art. To see if the Town will Abate John Woolley's Rates for the year last past.
Voted in the Affirmative.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the Thirtieth day of October A.D. 1758. at one of the Clock in the afternoon the following Votes were Pass'd Viz.

- Cap. Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator of this meeting.
- Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges. — Voted Twenty Six Pounds.
- Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed Relating to the School, the Present year.
Voted to have a writing School kept four months in the middle of the Town; and a woman Teaching School six months in the Quarters of the Town, at the Discretion of a Committee.
Voted also that Messrs. Walter Pollard, John Lane Jun. Christopher Page, Nath. Meriam, & John Moore be a Committee to Provide for, & see that the Schools be kept, as above.
- Art. To know which way the Town will Pay the Rev. Mr. Nath. Sherman, his Fire-wood, for the Present year.
Voted that each Person have Liberty to Carry their Proportion of Twenty Cord of wood to Mr. Sherman's House till the first day of January next at Three Shilling, & four pence per Cord; and also that Messrs. Josiah Tapet, Jonathan Grimes, & John Lane Jun. be a Committee to Provide Mr. Sherman the Remainder of the wood (if any be wanting) at the Price above mentioned which they Accepted of.

The Province Tax Bill - - - - - £ 185:19:3

Committed, of the Province Tax, unto Benjamin
Hutchinson Jun. Constable to Collect, One Hundred &
Twelve Pound two Shillings & Nine pence farthings, 112:2:9 1/4
And unto John Moore Jun Constable to Collect, Seven
ty three Pound, Sixteen Shillings & five pence 3 farthings, 73:16:5 3/4
£ 185:19:3

The County Tax is - - - - - £ 3:7:5 1/4
Benjamin Hutchinson Jun. Part of the County Tax - 1:17:5 1/4
John Moore Const^{le} Part of P. County Tax - 1 10 -
£ 3:7:5 1/4

The over-plus in P. Hutchinson's Province list - 1:12:6
Committed, (of the Salary Rate) unto P. Hutchinson
to Collect, Thirty two Pound, Eleven Shillings & ten
pence half penny - - - - - £ 32:11:10 1/2
And of the Town Rate, Exclusive of his Part of the
County Tax, Fifteen Pound & five pence - - - - - 15:0:5
- The Arrears of the Wood-Rate for P. Hutchinson £ 49:4:9 1/2
to Collect & pay in Money is - - - - - 1-10-0-3
- And the Arrears of the High-way-Rate, is - - - - - 0-6-0-3

Committed, of the Salary Rates unto P. Moore
to Collect, Twenty one Pound, Two Shillings &
Eight pence half penny. - - - - - £ 21:2:8 1/2
And of the Town Rate, Exclusive of his Part of
the County Tax, Nine Pound, Seven Shillings &
Nine pence three farthings - - - - - 9:7:9 3/4
Added unto P. Moore, Lists one Poll 13/6 to the | £ 30:10:6 1/4
Province Tax, 3/10 to P. Salary Rate, 2/1 the Town. £ 0-19-5-
- The Arrears of the Wood-Rate for John Moore
Const^{le} to Collect & pay in money, is - - - - - £ 31-9-11-1
1-6-0-0

Orders to the Town Treasurer: AD 1758.		L. S. D
ov. 27. Town Treas. Ordered to pay of Rev. Mr. Nath. Sherman	53:6:8.	+
6. 26 John Lane Jun. for Tarrant Putnam's High-way Rate	0-1-0+	
59 Benj. Hutchinson Const. for Tho. Wymans Rates abated.	1-6-0+	
th 5 John Moore Const. for John Marshalls Minister Rate	0-3-10+	
Edward Stevens for Ringing of Bell, Sweeping meet ^{ing house}	0-18-8+	
6. Benj. Hutchinson late a Constable for Mr. Lucy Bowser's Rates	1-6-6½+	
2. To Rev. Mr. Nath. Sherman for hiring Preaching, Voted	2-13-4+	

Orders to Benj. Hutchinson Jun. Constable.		L. S. D
ov. 27. Cap John Webber, for half his Province & Town this wood	0-8-0½+	
6. 26 Dea Job Lane for Making Rates	0-6-0+	
59 John Page, Ditto	0-5-0+	
John Whiting for his Minister Rate for 1757. abated	0-8-1.	
Thomas Perry for High-way work	0-11-3½+	
Benj. Danforth for Entertainment	0-17-4+	
Benj. Danforth for High-way work	0-6-4+	
Josiah Tapet for Service as Assessor, Getting french acct. allowed 29 th for wood for Mr. Sherman	1-16-10.3+	
th 5. John Lane Jun. for wood to Mr. Sherman	16-8+	
Jon. Grimes for Ditto	16-8+	
Walter Pollard for Entertainment, minding Bell &c and half David Bates abated	1-10-2+	
th 16. Hugh Maxwell Jun. for his Poll. rate for 1756. abated by order	17-8+	

Orders to John. Moore Jun. Constable		L. S. D
6. 26 To the wid Dorothy Tapet for 1½ hundred Cabbord	0-8-0+	
59 Cap. Joseph Titch for Making Rates	0-6-0+	
Step. Davis for Service &c	1-6-5+	
th 5. Josiah Davis for keeping wid Rebekah French ^(one year)	6-18-8+	
8. Humphry Peirce for keeping School four months	7-4-0+	
Jabez Russell, for half James Marlowell's rates for 1757 Voted	0-11-9-1+	

The order of Cap. Joseph Titch dated February 26. 1759 of Six Shillings, being lost, not returned but he allowed thereon
 acknowledged by me
 Joseph Titch

212 February 21: 1757.

M^r Cbed. 1660 Town Treasurer & his Successors
Annually Indebted unto the Town, During the Natural
Life of the wid. Rebekah French, The Sum of Eighteen
Shillings, on account of an obligation from John Jones
of Concord; — — — — — £0-18-0

And also the Sum of Six Shillings, on account of an
Obligation from Samuel Woolley of Bedford; both bearing
Date as Above. — — — — — £0-6-0

And Likewise the Sum of Ten Shillings & Eight pence
Annually from the 14 day of May 1757 on account
of an Obligation from Richard Wheeler of Bedford, of
that date, During the natural life of the wid Rebekah
French, as above said. — — — — — £0-10-8

Sum Total £5-14-8

M^r John Reed Town Treasurer or his Succession Annually
Indebted to the Town from the 4th day of September 1760
During the Natural life of the wid. Rebekah French, on account
of an obligation, of that date, from Abraham Gibson of Stow.
in the Sum of Two Pounds & Two Shillings. — — — — — £2-2-0

March 23: 1761 Col John Lane. Gave a Bond to Dea^r Rep.
Davis Town Treasurer, to secure and indemnify the Town
of Bedford from any Charge that may arise by Reason
of his Negro Man. Being set free

July 30: 1764 Cap^t James Lane Gave a Bond to Deacon
Reuben Davis Town Treasurer or his Successor to secure and
Indemnify the Town from any Charge that may arise by
Reason of his freeing a Negro man.

The above Named Rebekah French Deceased May 4th 1765
her funeral Charges for a Coffin, Grave, Glove, &c was one pound four
shillings. her Goods were disposed of to M^{rs} Richard Wheeler & Maria
Davis for two pounds thirteen shillings & four pence — which they had
paid in full. February 7th 1766

M^r John Bacon late Town Treasurer, had Rec^d & paid unto (21)
 the Town (as appeared in examining his Ac^t June 20th 1760)
 of John Jones Jun^r for one year for the wid. French 0-18-0
 of Sam^l Woolley for one year 0-6-0
 of Richard Wheeler for two years 1-1-4
 £ 2-5-4
 by 3. 1760 M^r John Reed Rec^d of M^r Richard Wheeler 10-8
 1st 17. 1760 of John Jones Jun^r 1-16-0
 £ 4-12-0

D. 1765 Stephen Davis Town Treasurer Rec^d of the several
 persons after named for the Maintainance of the wid.
 Rebekah French late of Bedford Dec^d. as follows Viz.
 of John Jones of Concord £ 4-10-0
 of Abraham Gibson of Concord 8-8-0
 of Richard Wheeler of Bedford 2-13-4
 and of Samuel Woolley of Bedford 2-3-4
 £ 17-14-8.

An Account (taken by the selectmen) of several persons
 that came into the Town of Bedford after the 10th day of
 April. 1767 (at which time the new Law relating to Town
 inhabitants took place) with the time when & Towns from whence
 they came. And who took them in. Viz.
 John Whiting from Billerica ^{Taken in by Jer^l Fitch} May 3rd 1767.
 William Flinn from Exeter ^{Taken in by Jer^l Fitch} October 29th 1767.
 Amos Flint from Concord ^{by Sam^l Lane} in August - 1767.
 Edward Flint from Concord ^{by Richard Wheeler} in April - 1767.
 Kuldah Mason from Woburn ^{by Tim^l Page} June 20th 1767.
 Wm^l Winship from Lexington by Sam^l Lane Jun^r February 20th 1769.
 Jonathan Whiting & his family, by Jona^l Grimes, from Dunstable
 in April - AD 1768.
 Jesse Koff from Reading, by Moses Abbott, July 15th 1768.
 Abigail Farmer from Pelham in New Hampshire by Jonathan
 Willson July 10th 1770.
 Sarah Hill from Cambridge by Tim^l Page. August 25th 1770.
 one Wood from Kennebuck by Hugh Maiseall Sept^l 1771.
 Elias Meriam from Lexington by John Merriam March 12. 1773
 Abraham Meriam from Lexington by John Page. April 19. 1773
 Oliver Bacon & his family came from Lexington April. 1773
 Na. Gleason & his family came from Lexington April. 1773
 Isaac Manning & his wife from Billerica by Samuel Blackhead May 11. 1773
 Nathaniel Wyman & his family by Joanna & Rebekah Willson
 April 14. 1773

At a General Town-Meeting Legally Assembled on the fifth day of March A D 1759. at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, the following Votes were pass'd viz.

Jeremiah Fitch Chosen Grand Juror.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator; and Sworn

1 Article To Chose Town officers for the Ensuing year.

<p>Select-men {</p> <p>John Bacon</p> <p>Walter Pollard</p> <p>John Reed</p> <p>John Moore</p> <p>Stephen Davis</p> <p>Sworn Assessors.</p>	<p>Nothing-men {</p> <p>John Lane Jun.</p> <p>Joseph Hartwell</p> <p>Sworn</p>
<p>Town Clerk - Stephen Davis - Sworn</p>	<p>Fence Viewers {</p> <p>John Lane & 3^d</p> <p>Josiah Davis</p> <p>Sworn</p>
<p>Town Treasurer - John Bacon - Sworn</p>	<p>Hog-reducers {</p> <p>John Meriam Jun.</p> <p>Oliver Pollard</p> <p>Sworn</p>
<p>Constables {</p> <p>Moses Abbot</p> <p>Eleazar Davis</p> <p>Sworn</p>	<p>Field Drivers {</p> <p>Samuel Woolley</p> <p>James Lane Jun.</p> <p>Sworn</p>
<p>Surveyors of Highways {</p> <p>Timothy Lane</p> <p>Benjamin Danforth</p> <p>Joseph Brown</p> <p>Ebenezer Jones</p> <p>Josiah Tasset</p> <p>Sworn</p>	<p>Sealers of weights & measures {</p> <p>Josiah Tasset - Sworn</p>
	<p>Sealers of Leather {</p> <p>Benjamin Bacon - Sworn</p>
	<p>To Prosecute & punish lawless killing of Deer {</p> <p>Cap. James Lane</p> <p>Cap. Joseph Fitch</p> <p>Sworn</p>

The meeting adjourned to 6th Current at one of the Clock in the after-noon.

March 4th 1759. The Town met at one of the Clock in the after-noon, and Pass'd the following Votes viz.

- 2 Art. To see if the Swine shall go at Large this Present year; Voted in the Affirmative.
- 3 Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to repair the High-ways. Voted Thirty Pounds.
- 4 Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in repairing the High-ways. Voted the same as usual.
- 5 Art. To see if the Town will Give the Revd m^r Nath^l Sherman any thing for his Cost in hiring Preaching, by reason of his Bodily Indispositions, Voted to Give him Two Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, & four pence.
- 6 Art. To see if the Town will (upon the Desire of a Number of Persons) abate m^r Lucy Bowes's Rates for the year Past Voted in the Affirmative?
- 7 Art. To see if the Town will allow Samuel Woolley's Account of Cost in the Law relating to the wid. Rebekah Trench's Debt Voted in the Negative,

- 8 Article.

- 8th Art. To know what the Town will allow Jabez Russell for the rates he paid for James Haswell for the year 1757. Voted to give him one half thereof.
- Art. To see if the Town will be Consider their Vote of the Sixth Article at the anniversary meeting in March last, relating to the Executors Cost in the Law, in the Case of Lecheriah Fitch for his Son Williams rates. Voted in the Negative.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the 21st Day of May A.D. 1759 the following Article was Considered Viz.

- Art. To see if the Town will Elect & Depute a good and Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court, this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled on the 29th Day of October A.D. 1759. The following Votes were passed Viz.

- M^r Josiah Tippet Chosen Moderator of the meeting.
- Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray Town Charges, this Present year. Voted, Fifteen Pounds.
- Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating to the School. Voted to Grant & appropriate 16^l for the school and that a writing School be kept four months in the school House, and that the remainder of the money be Equally expended in the four quarters of the Town for reading Schools. Voted also that Messrs. Walter Pollard, Benj. Danforth, Abiel Albot Oliver Reed, and Josiah Davis be a Committee to provide for the School as above.
- Art. To know which way the Town will pay the Tax. M^r Nath^l Sherman his fire wood, for the Present year. Voted that each Person have liberty to carry their Proportion of wood unto M^r Sherman's by the first day of January next at four Shilling, three pence & three fifteenths p^r Cord. and that Nath^l Page, John Bacon, Jonathan Grimes & John Lane be a Committee to provide the wood not brought by the Town, at the above p^r price, which they accepted of.
- Art. To see if the Town will Give Jonathan Grimes what Rates he was to Collect of William Cosby, Deceased. Voted in the Negative.
- Art. To see if the Town will allow the above^d Jonathan Grimes his Out of Cost in the Service of the Town as a Committee man relating to the wid^d Rebekah Frenchs Estate. Voted in the Negative, by Dissolving the Assembly.

216 The Rates for the year 1759. a
The Province Tax Bill ————— 217 12 8

Committed of the Province Tax unto Moses Abbott Cont^{le}
to Collect the Sum of One Hundred & Thirty Pounds
~~Eighteen~~ ^{Two} Shillings & ~~Five~~ pence ————— 130 18 0
And unto Eleazar Davis Constable to Collect the Sum
of Eighty Six Pounds ~~Fourteen~~ ^{Six} Shillings & ~~Three~~ pence 86 14 8
£ 217 12 8

The County Tax ————— 3 7 5 1/2
Moses Abbotts Part of the County Tax, one Pound Seven-
teen Shillings & five pence one farthing. ————— 1 17 5 1/2
and Eleazar Davis's Part, one Pound & ten Shillings. 1 10 0
£ 3 7 5 1/2

Committed unto the P. Moses Abbott Cont^{le} to Collect
of the Geo. M^r. Nath^l. Sherman's Salary Rate. — £ 32 15 10 1/2
of the School Rate ————— 9 4 7 1/2
And of the Town & County Rate besides his part of
the County Rate ————— 10 6 0 1/2
£ 52 19 6 1/2

The arrears of the Wood Rate for Moses Abbott Cont^{le}
to Collect, are one Pound Eighteen Shillings & six pence ^{half} farthing. 1 18 6 1/4
The arrears of the Last High-way Rate for P. Abbott
Constable to Collect, is Three Shillings & Eleven pence 0 3 11
2 2 5 1/4

Committed unto the P. Eleazar Davis Cont^{le} to Collect
of the Geo. M^r. Nath^l. Sherman's Salary Rate. — £ 21 12 2
of the School Rate. ————— 6 10 1 1/2
And of the Town & County Rate over & above his part of
the County Tax. ————— 6 11 3
£ 34 13 6 1/2

The arrears of the Wood Rate for Eleazar Davis Cont^{le}
to Collect, are one Pound Eleven Shillings five pence & three farthings 1 11 5 3/4
The Arrears of the Last High-way Rate for P. Davis
to Collect, is Eight Shillings & Eleven pence half penny 0 8 11 1/2
£ 2 0 5 1/4

759. Decr 5: M^r John Bacon Town Treasurer ^{or his Successor} Ordered to
 receive of M^r Abbott Constable, Fifty two Pounds ~~18~~ 19
 Nineteen & six pence one farthing — — — — — £52-19-6
 And of Eleazar Davis Constable. — — — — — 3-13-6
 Decr 20: 1760 M^r John Bacon Town Treasurer or Successor Ordered
 to receive of M^r Abbott Const^{le} Two Pounds Two Shillings
 & five pence one farthing. — — — — — 2-2-5 1/4
 And of Eleazar Davis Two Pounds & five pence farthing 2-0-5 1/4
 Decr 20th 1760. The above^d Orders were Transmitted 91-15-11 1/4
 unto M^r John Reed Town Treasurer. ~ ~ ~
 also an arrearage due from Sam^l Woolley late Con^{le} 20-1-6 1/4
 Comint^d a note from Tim^l Hartwell Dated March 23rd 1759
 with Intrest to be paid annually till June 1st 1762. ~ ~ ~ 2-1-0-
 also two notes from Sam^l Whitaker each £1-6-4 one upon
 Intrest till paid. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ 2-12-8
 also on p^r Day Delivered to^r Treasurer Money found in
 the Treasury — — — — — 0-4-9 1/4
96-15-11 1/4
 Decr 5th 1760 M^r John Reed Town Treasurer, or Successor
 Ordered to receive of M^r Francis Bowman Con^{le} £51-18-11 1/4
 61- And of M^r James Lane Jun^r Constable. — — — — — £38-2-3-
 Decr 17 M^r John Reed Town Treasurer or Successor Ordered
 to receive of Francis Bowman Con^{le} — — — — — 3-2-1/2
 And of James Lane Jun^r Constable. — — — — — 15-11-3/4
 M^r John Reed Town Treasurer Charged for Intrest on Tim^l
 Hartwell's Note above — — — — — 3-9-
 M^r John Reed Recd. of Richard Wheeler and 188-0-0 3/4
 John Jones Jun^r — — — — — 2-6-0 3/4
£190-6-8 3/4
 March 6: 1761 M^r Reed returned orders to his
 Successor 93:14:6-3/4 paid before 97:14:2 3/4 — 191-8-9 in
 over Paid — — — — — 1-2-0 3/4

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Orders for the year 1759. A. S. D.

Decem^r 5. Treasurer Ordered to pay y^e H^{on}. M^r. Nath^l. Sherman 53: 6: 8

6.20 Richard Wheeler for Perambulating Conrod line - 1-0-1-0

March 4th Eleazar Davis for John & Jonas Marshall minister Rate 0 8 5

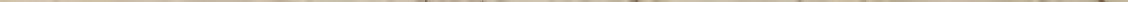
May 5: Ebenezer Jones for keeping the wid. French till p^d Day 57 week 3-4-8

Sept. 2 Oliver Reed for the Wld. Sarah Hartwell for keeping school. 2-28

1766
January 12 Josiah. Hapset for W^m. Freesey for keeping School - 1-6-8

Feb 17. The next day I went to the lake and saw a lot of water.

~~Ben + Matt + Jack + Kate + Lynn + John + Mary + Peter + Paul + George~~



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1760 Orders to Moses Abbott Conf^d

10. 4 John Lane jun. for Ame Hea for keeping School six weeks. 1 13 0

Carriage Page for Mary Harley for Ditto ————— 1 13-0

1820. Ben: Danforth for Entertainment ————— 5-0

Josiah Kisset for Perambulating Billerica bound. - 2-0

John Reed, for making hats, perambulating, work &c — — 18-3

John Bacon for making water, & work at meetinghouse. 15-9

29 Jonathan Grimes for wood for Mr. Nalh. Sherman. 0-17-0

Walter Pollard for Service, Peram² work at Meeting House Expence, 19-0

March: Jonathan Grimes for Service about Wed Feb⁴ French & Estab 6-0

Mar 22. Timothy Lane for wood to Mr. Sherman — 0-170

4 Ched. Abbot for Amie Nees for keeping School - - - - - 2-2-8

Benj. Danforth for Mary Farley for keeping school. - 2-2-8

22nd Elizabeth Brown for three cord of wood for Mr. Sherman 12-9-

23 wid Elizabeth Bacon for three cords of wood for Mr Sherman 127

215 1:12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140 141 142 143 144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154 155 156 157 158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168 169 170 171 172 173 174 175 176 177 178 179 180 181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188 189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196 197 198 199 200 201 202 203 204 205 206 207 208 209 210 211 212 213 214 215 216 217 218 219 220 221 222 223 224 225 226 227 228 229 230 231 232 233 234 235 236 237 238 239 240 241 242 243 244 245 246 247 248 249 250 251 252 253 254 255 256 257 258 259 260 261 262 263 264 265 266 267 268 269 270 271 272 273 274 275 276 277 278 279 280 281 282 283 284 285 286 287 288 289 290 291 292 293 294 295 296 297 298 299 300 301 302 303 304 305 306 307 308 309 310 311 312 313 314 315 316 317 318 319 320 321 322 323 324 325 326 327 328 329 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 338 339 340 341 342 343 344 345 346 347 348 349 350 351 352 353 354 355 356 357 358 359 360 361 362 363 364 365 366 367 368 369 370 371 372 373 374 375 376 377 378 379 380 381 382 383 384 385 386 387 388 389 390 391 392 393 394 395 396 397 398 399 400 401 402 403 404 405 406 407 408 409 410 411 412 413 414 415 416 417 418 419 420 421 422 423 424 425 426 427 428 429 430 431 432 433 434 435 436 437 438 439 440 441 442 443 444 445 446 447 448 449 450 451 452 453 454 455 456 457 458 459 460 461 462 463 464 465 466 467 468 469 470 471 472 473 474 475 476 477 478 479 480 481 482 483 484 485 486 487 488 489 490 491 492 493 494 495 496 497 498 499 500 501 502 503 504 505 506 507 508 509 510 511 512 513 514 515 516 517 518 519 520 521 522 523 524 525 526 527 528 529 530 531 532 533 534 535 536 537 538 539 540 541 542 543 544 545 546 547 548 549 550 551 552 553 554 555 556 557 558 559 560 561 562 563 564 565 566 567 568 569 570 571 572 573 574 575 576 577 578 579 580 581 582 583 584 585 586 587 588 589 590 591 592 593 594 595 596 597 598 599 600 601 602 603 604 605 606 607 608 609 610 611 612 613 614 615 616 617 618 619 620 621 622 623 624 625 626 627 628 629 630 631 632 633 634 635 636 637 638 639 640 641 642 643 644 645 646 647 648 649 650 651 652 653 654 655 656 657 658 659 660 661 662 663 664 665 666 667 668 669 670 671 672 673 674 675 676 677 678 679 680 681 682 683 684 685 686 687 688 689 690 691 692 693 694 695 696 697 698 699 700 701 702 703 704 705 706 707 708 709 710 711 712 713 714 715 716 717 718 719 720 721 722 723 724 725 726 727 728 729 730 731 732 733 734 735 736 737 738 739 740 741 742 743 744 745 746 747 748 749 750 751 752 753 754 755 756 757 758 759 760 761 762 763 764 765 766 767 768 769 770 771 772 773 774 775 776 777 778 779 780 781 782 783 784 785 786 787 788 789 790 791 792 793 794 795 796 797 798 799 800 801 802 803 804 805 806 807 808 809 810 811 812 813 814 815 816 817 818 819 820 821 822 823 824 825 826 827 828 829 830 831 832 833 834 835 836 837 838 839 840 841 842 843 844 845 846 847 848 849 850 851 852 853 854 855 856 857 858 859 860 861 862 863 864 865 866 867 868 869 870 871 872 873 874 875 876 877 878 879 880 881 882 883 884 885 886 887 888 889 890 891 892 893 894 895 896 897 898 899 900 901 902 903 904 905 906 907 908 909 910 911 912 913 914 915 916 917 918 919 920 921 922 923 924 925 926 927 928 929 930 931 932 933 934 935 936 937 938 939 940 941 942 943 944 945 946 947 948 949 950 951 952 953 954 955 956 957 958 959 960 961 962 963 964 965 966 967 968 969 970 971 972 973 974 975 976 977 978 979 980 981 982 983 984 985 986 987 988 989 990 991 992 993 994 995 996 997 998 999 1000 1001 1002 1003 1004 1005 1006 1007 1008 1009 1010 1011 1012 1013 1014 1015 1016 1017 1018 1019 1020 1021 1022 1023 1024 1025 1026 1027 1028 1029 1030 1031 1032 1033 1034 1035 1036 1037 1038

Sept. 4 Josiah Davis for the School mistress & her boarding - 2 2-8

May 22. Eben. Jones for keeping wid. French two weeks &
- some extraordinary - 11-6

1760 Bidwell to Eleazar Davis (couple) _____ 2 or 3 weeks _____

Feb 4. Josiah Davis for wid Sarah Ball 1-12-0 for boarding wid French 2-5 1/4 } 1 17 4

W. H. Meriam for Ruth Davis 1-13-0 Perambulating 1/6 ^{2/10} 1 12 6

20, John Moore for making Ropes, Perambulating, Nails, &c. - 9 16

29 Joseph Convis for work at the meeting House - 5 4 9

Step. Davis for Service, Entering Cautions, Perambulating, work &c 1-18-3

March 3 Edward Stevens for ringing the bell, Sweeping meeting house 18-9

1760.

At a General Town-Meeting Legally Assembled on the Third day of March AD 1760 at Twelve of the Clock in the day the following Votes were passd.

Viz.

Grand Juror } M^r Josiah Davis Chosen Grand-juror.
moder^r. Dea. Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator & Sworn.
S. Art. To Choose Town Officers for the year Ensuing. Viz.

Selectmen	Stephen Davis. Cap. Joseph Fitch Dea Israel Putnam M ^r John Moore M ^r Joseph Marlwell	Sworn Assessors	Tythingmen	Moses Abbott John Lane Jun.	Sworn
			Seniors	John Moore Jun Elearar Davis	Sworn
Town Clerk	Stephen Davis.	Sworn	Hog-reason	Benjamin Maxwell John Moore Jun.	Sworn
Town Treas ^r	John Bacon.	Sworn	field-women	Job Lane Jun. Jeremiah Fitch.	Sworn
Constables	James Lane Jun. Francis Bowman	Sworn			

The meeting adjourned the fourth day at Two of Clock in afternoon.

March 4th 1760 The following Votes were passd. Viz.

Surveyors of Highways	Nathanael Page Dea. Benjamin Bacon Samuel Bacon Samuel Woolley John Reed	Sworn	To Preserve Cut the unlawful killing of Deer	Cap. Joseph Fitch Oliver Pollard	Sworn
			Sealer of 18 weight & measure	Josiah Tappet	Sworn
			Sealer of Leather	Berj. Bacon	Sworn

2^d Art To see if the Swine shall go at Large this Present year. Voted in the Affirmative.

3^d Art To know how much money the Town will Grant to repair the High-ways. Voted Thirty Pounds.

4th Art To know in what method the Town will Proceed in repairing the High-ways. Voted the same as was last year.

5th Art To see if the Town will reconsider their Vote of the fifth Article at their meeting in October Last, relating to Jonathan Grimes's Account of Cost about the wid. Rebekah French's estate. Voted in the Affirmative.

Voted also to give P. Grimes Six Shillings for the P. Sworn which he Publicly accepted of In full.

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At a General Town-meeting Legally ^{assembled} on the 22nd Day of May A.D. 1760. the Following Votes were Passed. Viz.

Article To See if the Town will Elect & Depute a Good and Lawful person to Serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative.

Cap. Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator of P. Meeting.

Article To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Apply to the Grand Children of the wid. Rebekah French for her Mainlainance; and Frenchin Case of their Non-compliance to make application to the Court of General Sessions of the peace therefor.

Voted in the affirmative, Voted also to Choose three men for a Committee Viz. Josiah Tapet, John Reed, & Cap. Joseph Fitch.

Article To See if the Town will abate the rates of Jonathan Grimes for his Negro-Man servant. Voted in the Negative.

At a General Town-meeting Legally assembled on the 27th Day of May A.D. 1760. Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator.

The Petit Jurors were Selected out of the List then laid before the Town by the Selectmen, and their Names put into the Respective Boxes, agreeable to an Act of the Great & General Court, fulfilled an Act for the better regulating the Choice of Petit Jurors.

At a General Town-meeting Legally assembled on the 13th Day of June A.D. 1760. at five o'clock in the Afternoon the following Votes were pass'd. Viz.

Deputes, Mr. Josiah Tapet Chosen Moderator of P. meeting.

Deputes } Mr. John Reed Chosen Town Treasurer, and Sworn.

161 Orders to Francis Beeman Constable

23 Timothy Lane for Providing Wood for Mr. Sherman 2 - 2 - 5X

4 Job Lane for Boarding the School Master 17/6
and Providing wood for the Rev^d Mr. Sherman 4/3 - 0 - 4X

27 Benjamin Danforth for Boarding a School Mistress - 1 - 16 - 1X

The Rates for the year 1760.

The Province Tax, Two Hundred Seventeen Pounds
Twelve Shillings & Eight pence. --- £ 207-12-8

Committed of the Province Tax unto Mr Francis
Bowman Constable to Collect the sum of one
Hundred & Thirty Pounds Eighteen Shillings &
half a penny --- £ 130-18-0

And unto Mr James Lane Jun. Constable to Collect
the sum of Eighty Six Pounds fourteen Shilling
& seven pence half penny --- £ 86-14-7

£ 217-12-8

The County Tax is --- £ 3-7-5

Committed of the County Tax, unto Francis Bowman
Const. to Collect Two Pounds one Shilling & two pence 3 farth. 2-1-2-3

And unto James Lane Jun. Const. to Collect one
Pound six Shilling & two pence half penny --- £ 1-6-2-9

£ 3-7-5

The over plus in P. Lane's Province is £ 2-7-0

The over plus in P. Lane's County rate is --- 0-0-10-

Committed unto James Lane Jun. Const. to Collect
of the Minister rate Twenty Two Pounds Seven
Shilling & nine pence half penny --- 22-7-9-2

And of the Town rate Thirteen Pounds Six Shilling
& eleven pence one farthing --- 13-6-7-1

£ 38-2-3

The arrears of the last High-way rate for James
Lane Jun. Constable to Collect is fifteen Shillings
& Eleven pence Three farthings --- 15-11-3

Committed unto Francis Bowman Const. to Collect
of the minister rate, Thirty two pound Eleven Shilling
and seven pence three farthings --- £ 32-11-7-3

And of the Town rate nineteen pound Seven Shilling
& three pence half penny --- £ 19-7-3-2

£ 51-18-11-1

The Arrears of the last High-way rate for
Francis Bowman Constable to Collect, is Three Shill-
ings & two pence half penny --- 3-2-7

1760.

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The Town of Bedford upon Due Warning Given
Assembled on the Thirty-first day of October 1760.
at two o'clock in the after noon, and Pass'd the following
Votes, viz.

Dea Israel Putnam Chosen Moderator of ^d meeting.

Article. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray
the Charges of the Town this Present year.

Voted Thirty one Pounds - £ 31 - 0 - 0

Art To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating
to the School.

Voted to appropriate Sixteen Pounds, out of the above ^d Grant,
for the School, to be Expended in the Same method as was last year.

Voted also that Job Lane Jun. Josiah Fasset, Timothy Lane, Josiah Davis,
& Stephen Davis be a Committee to Provide for the School, as above said.

Art To know in what manner the Town will Pay the Rev. Mr. Nath^l.
Sherman his fire wood for the Present year.

Voted that Job Lane Jun. & Timothy Lane be a Committee to Provide
the whole of Mr. - Sherman's wood, viz Twenty Cords, at four Shill-
ings & three pence & three fifteenths per Cord, which they
Engaged Seasonably to Perform.

All a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the
Second Day of March A^d 1761 at Nine of the Clock in the
Forenoon the following Votes were Pass'd Viz

Er^{te} Friedrich Tasset Chopin Grand juron

En^r Josiah Tasset Chosen Moderator of P Meeting
the meeting then adjourned for one hour

And To Choose Town Officers for the year ensuing. Viz

Deacon Stephen Davis

Deacon Benjamin Bacon

John Reed

En^r Josiah Tassell

M^r John Lane Jun^r

Lythgoe & Ekinæer Jones }
men Jeremiah Pilch }

men Jeremiah Sulch

Genes. Moses Abbot,

Jonathan Taylor

Hog } Hugh Maxwell
reads } Samuel Lane

near Samuel Lane

John Reed Sworn

Deacon Stephen Davis sworn

(Sister) Jonathan Taylor
 (Brother) John Laneys

John Lane Esq

Thomas Bacon

John Meriam 7th

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in 1840 }
1841 }
1842 }

Obid Alkot

106. Lane Jun^r & Son

Sealer of } Dec^r Heny^r Bacon } sum.
Localther }

James Lane ju^r
Benjamin Simon

Joseph Hewell
Stephen D. Davis

Heater Davis
Timothy Heurich

To see if the box

to see if the two
Police in the aff

Dear Cap^t Joseph Fitch }
received John Moore } Sir

received John Moore

2d To see if the Swine shall Go at Large this Present year
Voted in the affirmative

3rd To know how much Money the Town will Grant to repair
the Highways this present year. Voted Twenty pounds

7th Art To know in what Method the Town will Proceed in paving
the high ways. I voted the same as usual

5th. To know the mind of the Town whether they will abate the
Persons rates, or any of them, that went from this Town
the Country Service the Summer past or any part of their
Rates — Voted not to abate the whole of their Rates

then collected to abate Jonas Bowman poll rate & voted not to
abate Mr. Roach's ^{whole} rate for his man.

Noted not to abate them their Town and Minster rate
Noted to abate them their ~~Town~~ Rates to the Minster.

of one to about three miles to the mountains

Bulford May 9th 22nd 1761

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the Day above said at Four o'clock in the afternoon the following article was put to Vote. Viz

To know whether the Town will Elect one Deputy a Good and Lawful Person to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the Fifth Day of October 1761 the Following Votes were Past Viz

M^r Josiah Tasset Chosen Moderator of sd Meeting

Art To know how much Money the Town will to Defray the Charges of the Town this Present year

Voted thirty Eight pound — — — — — £ 38 - 0 - 0

Voted to appropriate Eighteen pounds out of the above sd Grant to provide a School this present year

Art To know in what Method the town will Proceed relating to the School, Voted to have a writing School keep four Month in the School house, Voted to have the remainder of the money after four Month is keep is above sd to be lend out for School Masters, the Ninth part to be keep in the School house the other Eight in the four Quarters of the town

Art To know in what Manner the town will pay the Rev M^r Nathⁿ Sherman his firewood for the present year.

Voted that Cor Nathaniel Page Job Lane Jun^r & Timothy Lane be a Committee to provide M^r Sherman the whole of his firewood for the present year at four shillings and six pence per Cord

Voted in the second art^l above ^{Mentioned} to have five Committee men to provide a School Master and M^r P^ris Viz
Jed Abbott Israel Putnam Ebenezer Jones Sam^l John Merriam & Cor John Page

The Rates for the Year 1761

The Province Tax One Hundred & Forty four pounds
Seven shillings & six pence — — — — — £ 144 = 7 = 6

Committed of the Province Tax unto M^r Thomas Bacon
Constable to Collect the sum of Ninety pounds
Five shillings and ten pence — — — — — £ 90 = 1 = 10

and unto M^r John Meriam Constable to Collect
the sum of Fifty four pounds Five shillings
and Eight pence — — — — — £ 54 = 5 = 8
144 = 7 = 6

The County Tax is — — — — — £ 2 = 14 = 10

Committed of the County Tax unto M^r Thomas Bacon
Constable to Collect one pounds twelve shillings & three
pence half penny — — — — — £ 1 = 12 = 3

and unto M^r John Meriam Constable to Collect one pound
one shillings & nine pence three Farthings — — — — — £ 1 = 1 = 9
2 = 14 = 10

The Over Plus in M^r Bacon Province List is — — — — — £ 1 = 9 = 0

The Over Plus in M^r Bacon County Rate is — — — — — 0 = 5 = 0

Committed unto Thomas Bacon Constable to collect of the
Minister Rate thirty two pounds 6 shillings 1 penny half penny 32 = 6 = 1
and of the town Rate twenty seven pounds nine
shillings & four pence one Farthing — — — — — 27 = 9 = 4
£ 61 = 9 = 11

The sum of the Last High way Rate for
Thomas Bacon Constable to Collect is Eight shillings
and five pence half penny — — — — — 8 = 6 = 1

Committed unto John Meriam Constable to Collect
of the Minister Rate eighteen pounds fourteen
shillings & three pence half penny — — — — — 18 = 14 = 3

and of the town Rate fifteen pounds sixteen shillings
and five pence one Farthing — — — — — 15 = 16 = 5
£ 34 = 13 = 8

The sum of the Last High way Rate for
John Meriam Constable to Collect is five shillings
and two pence three farthings — — — — — 5 = 2 = 3

Bedford March 4th 1761

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John Reed a late Town Treasurer in Reckoning with the Selectmen Returned the several persons hereafter mentioned in Debt to the Town Viz

Francis Bowman fifty two pound, two shillings one penny ^{extra} ~~that~~ 52 2 1 ^{that}

James Lane junr thirty eight pound, eight shillings, two pence three ^{that} 38 18 2 ^{that}

Samuel Woolley one shilling & six pence one farthing 1 6 1/4

Samuel Whitaker two pound, twelve shillings & eight pence 2 12 8

the Orders for the above mentioned Sums Transmitted 93 14 6 3/4

To Dea Stephen Davis Town Treasurer

Dea Stephen Davis Town Treasurer Charged for a tree the Selectmen sold to Timothy Lane in the High-lying - 8 -

94 2 6 3/4

11th 1761 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor Order to receive of M^r Thomas Bacon Constable ~ ~ 61 9 11 3/4

And of M^r John Meriam Constable ~ ~ ~ ~ 34 13 8 3/4

15 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor Order to receive of Thomas Bacon Constable - 8 6 1/2

And of John Meriam Constable - 5 2 1/4

23 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer Received of the Selectmen, ——— By the French Account 17 6

97 14 11 3

19 1762 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor, Order to receive of Thomas Page Constable 64 15 9

And of Benjamin Danforth Constable - 39 15 5 1/2

25 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor Order to receive of Thomas Page Constable 6 10

And of Benjamin Danforth Constable 6 10 1/2

21 1763 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor Order to receive of Thomas Page 63 14 3 1/4

And of Benjamin Danforth Constable 40 13 10 1/4

29 Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor Order to receive of Thomas Page Constable 2 10 1/2

And of Benjamin Danforth Constable 7 10

210 3 9 1

Sum total 422 1 3 3/4

Orders for the Year 1761.8			
1761	Dec ^r 11	The Town Treasurer Ordered to pay the ^{Sherman} the Mr. North	53 6 8 X
		Boe & Benjamin Fitch jun ^r for his Rates abated	17 6 +
	Feb 25	The Treasurer Shew. sundry Receipts Mr. Theover for Preaching	3 12 0 +
		Abigail Foster for keeping School 40/ to our French Poor 7/	2 7 0 +
		Lacy Stone for keeping School 26/8 M. Anger for Preaching 25/4	2 12 0 +
		Parah Mayson for keeping School 24/ for Timothy Lane tree 8/	1 12 0 +
		to Edward Stevens for Preaching the Bell in the year 1762	0 18 0 +
1762		Orders to Thomas Bacon Constable	
	Feb 15	Halter Pollard for Boarding a School M st & Entertainment	1 5 8 X
	20	Benjamin Sanford for Entertainment	- 5 5 X
		Deacon Benjamin Bacon for Service	- 14 4 X
		John Lane jun ^r for Service	- 15 0 X
		Josiah Tasset for Service	- 11 4 +
		John Child for Service Entering Caution, Mending the	
		Making & School house window ^{paying} 4/10 Whelmy for his son, Mending Kate	2 4 5 X
		Much & Jaber Russell for ringing the Bell Sweeping the ^{paying} the ^{paying} the	1 4 0 X
		5 six Shillings of the above Order to Josiah Tasset	
	April 15	Timothy Lane for firewood for M ^r Sherman 1-11-6	
		& for Boarding Abigail Foster 6/	1 17 6 X
	May 7	Nath ^l Sage for firewood for M ^r Sherman	1 11 6 X
	14	Josiah Tasset for the Rates of Hell Meadow & Service	0 6 0 X
	Sept 30	Benj Sanford for Boarding Lacy Stone	1 7 4 X
	21	Job Lane for firewood for M ^r Sherman	1 7 0 X
1762		Orders to John Meriam Constable	
	Feb 15	to Nathaniel Meriam for Boarding a school M st	1 14 0 X
	26	Joseph Heartwell for taking the Valuation	1 3 10 X
		Joseph Convis for his Rates but the Province	- 8 7 X
		Deacon Stephen Davis for Service & sundary Articles	3 8 0 X
	March 17	Humphrey Pearce for keeping school for March	7 9 7 X
	19	John Moore for taking the Valuation	1 3 10 X
	May 11	Jonathan Woolley for keeping the widows French	5 13 11 X
	1766 22	Capt Joseph Fitch for taking the Valuation	1 3 10 X

Orders for the Year 1762-3

19	the Town Treasurer Order to pay the Rec ^d M ^r				
	Nathaniel Sherman	53	6	8	
1763	Benjamin Danforth for Entertainment & Perambulating	0	4	10	X
22	Jonathan Woolley for Boarding the widow French	10	18	10	X
26	Abigail Foster for keeping School and Boarding	1	18	4	X
	Benjamin Danforth for paying a School Mistress	3	14	4	X
	to the Treasurer for a Ball	2	2	3	X
3	Orders to Thomas Page Constable				
15	Hatter Tollar for Entertainment House and Perambulating	1	4	0	X
	William Page for Rates abated		2	7	X
	Deacon Bacon for Service	1	0	0	X
	John Reed for Service	1	12	4	X
	Jonathan Grimes for 2 men & 2 Cows Rates abated	0	6	2	X
24	Jonemiah Fitch for Boarding a School Mistress	1	2	9	X
	Moses Abbott for paying M ^r Cooper, part	0	15	0	X
6	Job Lane for M ^r Shermans fire wood	4	15	0	X
	Moses Abbott for paying a School Mistress	2	9	0	X
	Job Lane for paying a School Mistress	2	10	6	X
	Widow Willson for her Husband Rates abated	0	14	2	X
7	Jonah Davis for his son Pauls Rates abated	0	8	6	X
7	Jabez Russell for his high-way Rate abated	0	1	4	X
	Hugh Maxwell for his ^{Poll} high-way Rate abated	0	1	4	X
3	Orders to Benjamin Danforth Constable				
25	M ^{rs} Desire Brown for Perambulating Lincoln Line	0	1	4	X
	John Meriam for his wife keeping school 46/10 & for				
	Perambulating 1/6 for Rates abated 1/9	2	10	3	X
	Blanch Reed for Perambulating Lexington Line		1	5	X
	Joniah Davis for Boarding Abigail Foster	1	1	4	X
	Capt Fitch for Perambulating Concord Line		1	4	X
	John Moore for Ditto		1	4	X
	Deacon Davis for Service	1	6	0	X
ch	William Hartwell for Ringing the Bell	0	6	0	X
6	Francis Willson jun ^r for his High-way Rate abated	0	1	4	X
22	Humphrey Peirce for keeping School	3	10	0	X
6	Eleazer Davis for paying a School Mistress	1	18	4	X

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At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the
Eleventh Day of June 1762 the following Votes were Pass'd
Capt Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator

It Is known the Minds of the Town, whether they will Provide
Preaching (by Reason of the Rev. Mr Nathaniel Sherrman
Indisposition of body) and if they will then in what Method
they will Proceed. Voted in the Affirmative

and then Voted to Choose a Committee to Provide Preaching
one Month if Needee. Viz. Mr Josiah Davis Benjamin
Danforth & Dea Benjamin Bacon.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the fifth
Day of September the following Votes were Pass'd Viz.

Mr Nath. Abbott Chosen Moderator of the Meeting

It Is known how much Money the town will Grant to Defray the
Charges of the town this present year —
Voted forty five Pounds — £ 45 1 0

It Is known in what Method the town will Proceed relating to
the School.

Voted to appropriate Eighteen Pounds out the abovehd Grant
to Expended for a School in the same Manner as last year
Job Lane Moses Abbott Benjamin Danforth Joseph Brown &
Eleazer Davis. Chosen a Committee to provide a School as
above &c

It Is known in what Manner the town will pay the Rev. Mr
Nathaniel Sherrman his fire wood for the present year —
Voted that Job Lane Should Provide Mr Sherrman his fire
wood at four, ^{hillings} & Nine pence per Cord. which he accepted of

The Rates for the Year 1762

The Province Tax one Hundred & forty four pounds
Seven Shillings & six pence — — — — — £ 144-7-1

Committed of the Province Tax unto M^r Thomas
Sage Constable to Collect the Sum of Eighty seven
Pounds four Shillings & four pence three Farthings
— — — — — £ 87-4-4

and unto M^r Benjamin Danforth Constable
to Collect the Sum of Fifty Seven Pounds
three Shillings & one penny one Farthing £ 57-3-1
£ 144-7-6

The County Tax is — — — — — £ 2-19-9

Committed of the County Tax unto M^r Thomas
Sage Constable to Collect one Pound sixteen Shillings
& four pence three Farthings — — — — — £ 1-16-4

and unto M^r Benjamin Danforth Constable to
Collect one pound three Shillings & four pence
one Farthing — — — — — £ 1-3-4
£ 2-19-9

The ~~is~~ Over Plus in M^r Sages Province List is 2-5-5
in Over Plus in M^r Sages County List is 0-6-4

Committed unto Thomas Sage Constable to Collect of the
Poor & Minister Rate Sixty two pounds Nine Shillings
and Nine pence one Farthing — — — — — £ 62-9-9
£ 64-10-9

The Arrears of the Last High way Rate for the main
Constable to Collect is Six Shillings & ten pence — — — — — £ 6-10-0

Committed unto Benjamin Danforth Constable to
Collect of the Poor & Minister ^{Rate} thirty Nine pounds fifteen
Shillings & five pence half Penny — — — — — £ 39-15-5

The Arrears of the Last High-way Rate for
Benjamin Danforth Constable to Collect is Six
and ten pence half penny — — — — — £ 6-10-0

The Rates for the Year 1763

The Province Tax Ninety Six Pounds five Shillings $\pounds 96-5-0$

Committed of the Province Tax unto M^r Thomas Page
 Constable to Collect the Sum of fifty Eight pounds
 Seventeen Shillings & Ten pence — $\pounds 58-17-10$
 and unto M^r Benjamin Danforth Constable to Collect
 the Sum of Thirty Seven pounds Seven Shillings
 and two pence — $\pounds 37-7-2$
 $\pounds 96-5-0$

The County Tax is — $\pounds 2-14-0-1$
 Committed of the County Tax unto M^r Thomas Page
 Constable to Collect one Pound Eleven Shillings &
 six pence three Farthings — $1-11-6-3$
 and unto M^r Benjamin Danforth Constable to
 Collect one pound two Shillings & five pence
 half penny — $1-2-5-2$
 $\pounds 2-14-0-1$

The over Plus in F^ro Page's County Rate is $\pounds 0-3-1-2$
 Committed unto Thomas Page Constable to
 Collect of the Town & Minister Rate Sixty
 three pounds Eleven Shillings one Penny
 three Farthings — $\pounds 63-11-1-3$
 $63-14-3-1$

The arrears of the Last High-way Rate for Thomas
 Page Constable to Collect is two Shillings & ten pence
 three Farthings — $0-2-10-3$

Committed unto Benjamin Danforth Constable
 to Collect of the Town & Minister Rate Forty pounds
 Thirteen Shillings & Ten pence one Farthing $\pounds 40-13-10-1$

The arrears of the Last High-way Rate for Benjamin
 Danforth Constable to Collect is seven Shillings and
 six pence — $\pounds 0-7-10$

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At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on
the Second Day of March. D 1763 at Twelve of the Clock
in the Day, the following Votes were Passd. Viz

moderator	Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator, & Sworn		
grand juror	Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Grandjuror		
Article	To Choose Town Officers for the Ensuing year.		
select Men	Dea Stephen Davis John Reed Dea Benj Bacon John Lane 3 rd Christopher Page	Assessors	
		Surveyors	Job Lane Oliver Reed Moses Abbott Lech Fitch Hugh Maxwell
		High way	
		Tything Men	John Lane Jun ^r James Lane Jun ^r
Town Clerk	John Reed, Sworn		
Town Treasurer	Dea Stephen Davis	Jury	Timothy Lane Jeremiah Fitch
Constable	Benjamin Pulnam Benjamin Danforth	Hogwees	Jeremiah Reed Joseph Corvis
wardens	John Moore John Page	Field Drivers	Jonathan Taylor Eleazer Davis
Surveyor of Highways	Nathaniel Page Sworn	Sealer of Wights & Measures	Job Lane Sworn
		Sealer of Leather	Benjamin Hutchinson Sworn
		To Prosecute the unlawful Selling of Year	John Merum John Merum Jun ^r

- 2nd Vot To know the mind of the town whether the Swine shall be at Large this Present year Under the regulation of the Law.
Voted in the affirmative
- 3rd Vot To know how much Money the town will Grant to repair the High ways this Present year.
Voted Twenty Pounds £ 20 - 0 - 0
- 4th Vot To know in what method the town will Proceed in repairing the High ways - Voted to repair them in the same manner as usual
- 5th Vot To see if the town will abate those Soldiers that went from this town the Summer Past into the Province Service, the whole or any part of their town & High way Rate.
Voted to abate Josiah Davis his Son Paul Lately Deceased and Joseph Willson their town & High way Rate. & then Voted to abate all the other Soldiers their High way Rate

Art To know whether the town will allow M^r Zechariah Fitch the whole of the Way formerly Laid out from the Gate at his side his house (by his Land) on the Land then belonging to Daniel Davis, & through the Land then William Hartwell, to the southerly end of a Ditch near a Carlen Cassey way, for the way that is now Ind through said Fitch's Land near his house to the aforesaid Gate. Voted to have this Last Article Continued till next May meeting

At a General town meeting Legally Assembled on the Twenty third Day of May A 1763 the following Votes were Pass'd Viz

Art To know whether the town will Elect and Depute a Good and Lawful Person to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court this Present Year, Voted in the Negative
Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator
The Sixth Article of Last March Annual Meeting was Continued till this Meeting, and now Voted to Continue it still till the next town meeting.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the tenth Day of October A 1763 the following Votes were Pass'd Viz
Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator

Art To know how much money the town will Grant to Defray the Charges of the town this Present year. Voted forty Pounds £40—

Art To know in what Method the Town will Proceed relating to the School. Voted to appropriate Twenty Pounds out of the above £40 Grant for to provide a school and then Voted to have a writing school keep four p^r month, one month in each Quarter of the town provided each Quarter provide a house of fire wood without any Cost to the town within one mile and a half of the meeting house as the Roads go or thereabouts to the Satisfaction of the Committee, if not to return to the School house

Art To know in what Manner the town will Pay the Rev^d M^r Nathaniel Sherman his fire wood for the Present year, Voted that M^r Nathaniel Page Michael Bacon Timothy Lane & Thomas Page be a Committee to provide said fire wood to his acceptance at four Shillings per Cord which they Accepted of.

B In the Second Article it was also Voted that after four month writing school was keep the remainder of the money should be Laid out for women Schools in the same Manner M^r Jeremiah Fitch Benjamin Simonds Josiah Davis Nath^l Meriam & James Lane a School Committee

Art To see if the town will Choose a Constable in the room of M^r Benjamin Putnam Deceased Thomas Page Accepted as Constable by the town and sworn to serve in the room of Benjamin Simonds Chosen

5 Art To See if the Town will abate the whole or any part of Jones
Fitch, Last year Rates Voted in the Negative

6 Art To See whether the Town is for having said Jones Fitch Rates
for his Poll this Present year it was Proposed whether the town
would Act upon said Article or not, & voted in the Negative

N B That the Sixth article of Last March Annual Meeting has
been Continued till this Meeting and now voted in the
affirmative Provided said Fitch Establishes the way that
is now Trod to the Town

Orders for the Year 1763-4

ye 21: 1763	The Town Treasurer Ordered to pay the Recd.					
	M ^r Nathaniel Sherman			53	6	8 X
ye 6	Thomas Woltch for Mending the meeting house Glass			1	4	6 X
ye 28	Benj Danforth for Joseph Moore & John Darras Rates abated				19	1 3/4 X
	Benj Danforth for part of Eber. Jones Poll abated				5	4 1/2 X
ch. 1	Benj Danforth for Entertainment of Service			1	6	5 +
	Hugh Masewell for his Estates High way Rate abated				4	0 1/2 X
	Widow Brown for her Husband's Rates to the province abated				10	0 X
	John Moore is pay M ^r Thayer for breaking up one salt with			1	1	9 X
	Richard Masewell for paying the rates of his son's land			8	17	0 X
ye 4	Orders to Thomas Page Constable					
ch. 1	Walter Pollard for Entertainment				16	6 +
	Deacon Bacon for Service				15	1 +
	Christ Page for Service				16	5 +
	John Lane Jun ^r for Service				13	1 X
	Israel Putnam for Ringing the bell by an order from W ^m Haskinell			1	4	0 X
	Capt Pabst for Entertaining & assisting M ^r Woltch &					
	for Jonathan Kelly High-way Rate abated 1/9				5	4 X
	John Reed for Service & Landreys			2	12	7 +
	Job Lane for Boarding & paying a school M ^r Harris			1	1	6 X
ye 9	Timothy Lane for 5 cords of turf for M ^r Sherman			1	1	0 X
ye 22	James Lane for Boarding John Chandler				15	4 X
ye 30	Richard Darras for his son's part of M ^r Sherman's				15	4 X
ye 4	Samuel Titch for his Poll abated				15	4 X
	John Lane for Boarding Sarah Mason			1	3	0 X
ch. 11	1765 Jeremiah Titch Jun ^r for his Rates abated			1	15	4 X

ye 4	Orders to Benjamin Danforth Constable					
ch. 1	Jonathan Woolley for Boarding the widow French			2	3	9 X
	Deacon Davis for Service & Entering Curton			1	18	5 X
ye 22	John Chandler for keeping School			1	16	4 +
ye 4	M ^r Meriam for buying Magd ^e coffee for paying school					
	& for Boarding John Chandler & Magd ^e coffee			3	1	1/2 +
	Jeremiah Davis for Boarding John Chandler			1	18	1 X
ye 11	Benj Simard for paying his M ^r Thayer's for keeping school			1	12	4 X
ye 22	Samuel Titch for his High-way Rate abated			1	15	4

Orders to the Treasurer						
ye 10	Thomas Page for ten cords of wood for M ^r Sherman	2	0	0	X	
ye 22	Jeremiah Titch for paying the French M ^r Mason's school	2	0	0	X	
ye 19	Benj Danforth for Boarding John Chandler & the wife Pontier	2	2	0	X	
ye 4	Benj Danforth for Boarding John Chandler & the wife Pontier	2	2	0	X	

Order for the year 1764

Decem	17	The Town Treasurer ordered to pay M ^r Sherman	53	6	0
January	11	Benj Danforth for James Wheeler & Jonas Wheeler Rates abated in Raton wood & John Danforth & Thomas Danforth	1	10	4
Feb 25		John Reed for service in case of Zechariah Fitch & Cash to John Jones in Concord & others for service in the	2	19	8
May	24	Chad Abbott for to pay M ^r Sparrowhawk for preaching ^{in Fells} four	5	6	8
Sept 20		Richard Wheeler for Boarding the widow French & Extrord ^{nary} services	8	2	6
Nov 13		William Page for Jonas Minott, Rated too Much	0	2	2
		Benj Danst for Zechariah Fitch & Stephen Mead Highway Rates abated to Eliza & Abraham Taylor		4	4
	27	Solomon Meriam in full for the women school in that Quarter	3	0	0
	27	Rose Abbott in part for the women school in that Quarter	1	9	7

Order to Hugh Napier Constable

Feb 19		Walter Toller for Entertainment & Entering Auction	1	1	0
25		Benj Danforth for Entertainment	0	8	4
		Deacon Bacon for Service	1	2	3
		Christopher Page for Service	0	11	6
		John Lane for Service & wood for M ^r Sherman, 10 Cord	3	5	6
		Bery Hutschenfor for Service 6/6 & for Benjamin & Samuel			
		Kiddes Highway Rate abated 4/	0	10	6
		John Reed for Service & Sunday	2	12	2
		John Simonds for Ringing the Bell & Sweeping the meeting house	1	4	0
		Timothy Heattwell for rocks to build a Bridge	0	12	0
		Capt Tasset for an Evidence in the case of Zeck Fitch	0	6	8
		Waltham Tasset for do	0	6	0
		Jemiah Rea for part that he over worked at the ^{way} bridge	0	5	0
April	22	Humphrey Pierce for keeping school	5	0	0
May	24	Timothy Lane for five Cords of wood for M ^r Sherman	1	1	8
July	25	William Pelham for a Grave for the widow French	0	4	0
Sept 3		Thomas Page for five Cords of wood for M ^r Sherman	1	1	4
Nov 27		Rose Abbott in part for the ^{women} school for that Quarter	1	1	9

Order to William Page Constable

Feb 8		For Boarding the widow French Richard Wheeler	2	4	2
		John Moore for Boarding Abigail Torster & Service at ^{Court}	1	12	0
		Jonah Davis for to pay Abigail Torster & Service at Court	1	19	4
25		Samuel Davis for Service as Treasurer & at Court and Evidence	0	14	0
		Thomas Davis for Going to Court an Evidence	0	6	0
April 22		Humphrey Pierce for keeping school	3	0	0
May 24		Joseph Heattwell for Boarding Abigail Torster	0	12	0

as by Law Required 289

May 9th 1761 Hugh Maxwell Gave Information that he
had Received into his Increase Wyoman & his family

December 9th 1763 Jonathan Tabet Gave Information that he on
15th Day of November Last Received into town James Simonds
& his wife.

February 17th 1764 Capt Joseph Fitch Gave Information that he
had took into his Family Judith Adams from Wallthorn

February 19th 1764 Francis Willson Jun^r Gave Information that he
on the 3rd Day of Feb^r Current Brought into town his Sister Jane
Willson from ~~Asheford~~

William Page Gave Information that he on the tenth Day of November
1764 Received John Jewett into his Family from Wakebury

John Lane Gave Information that he in May 1765 Received into town
John Thorning & his Family from Lincoln

Benjamin Hanforth & John Webber Gave Information that they on the
Twenty third Day of May 1765 Received into town Nathaniel
Dunckelle & his Family from Woburn

Moses Abbott Gave Information that he in May 1765 Received into
his Family a Boy Named Nathan Tidd from Lexington

Deacon Stephen Davis Gave Information that he on the tenth
Day of October 1765 Received into his Family a young woman
Named Betty Kibbe from Concord

March 3rd 1766 Hugh Maxwell Informed the Selectmen that he on
the twelfth day of July Last took a Child from ~~Wilmington~~
Whitewith

June 23rd 1766 Nathaniel Dunckelle then Informed that he on the
Eleventh Instant took into his hired House ^{in Bedford} Sampson Crosby & his family
who came last from Billerica.

July 16th 1766 Christopher Page Jun^r then Informed that he on the 9th of
July Last took in William Blodget, from Lexington.

January 9th 1767. W^m Thos. Page who had Received Doct Joseph Bailaro into
his House in Bedford as a Boarder in March or April Last, and never had
Informed them of, Being then present before the Selectmen, it was Proposed
to him by the Selectmen whether the Dr. Joseph Should be warned out of town
& he not Desiring the same; the Selectmen therefore Agreed Not to Caution
against the Dr. Joseph, nor yet to admit him as an Inhabitant.

July 4th 1767. Cap. Joseph Fitch then Informed that he had taken into his house, Some
time in October Last, Joseph Richardson from

40	1764		
Decem 17	Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor		5 3
	Ordered to Receive Hugh Maxwells Constable	69	13 9
	& of William Page a Constable	40	10 0
Feb 25	Ordered to Receive of Hugh Maxwells Constable	0	3 2
	& of William Page a Constable	0	4 0
March 2	Delivered to Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer		
	the Sum of three pounds two Shillings it Being	3	2 0
	the Cost the Lifeshors recovered of Zachariah Fitch		
	Complainant		
Dec 23	Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer or Successor		
	Ordered to Receive of Jonathan Willson a Constable	64	8 10
	and of Jonathan Tasset a Constable	40	7 1
Febr. 27	Delivered in Cash to Dea. Stephen Davis Town Treasurer	0	4 8

£ 218 17 7

The Said Treasurer's Account in page 227 - 402 1 3

The Said Treasurer also Charges himself for Cash paid by Sam^l Brooks Esq^r, Being a fine for a prophan^{oath} } - 4 0

The Said Treasurer Sum Total - £ 621 2 11

The Said Treasurer also Charged for Cash Recd of several Persons on account of the wid Rebecka Friend and also for a Note of Matthew Law Dated March 28th 1766 - 17 61

March 13: 1766 Sum Total - £ 641 10 11

The Said Stephen Davis late Town Treasurer had before paid in to the selectmen £ 499 12 6 Returned to m^r John Keed Town Treasurer Order & Notes £ 130 - 3 - 3 - 2 Cash £ 11 15 - 1 3/4 } 641 10 11

The Rates for the year 1764

The Province Tax Forty five pounds five Shillings £ 45-5-0

Committed of the Province Tax unto M^r Hugh Maxwell
Constable to collect the sum of thirty one pound two
Shillings & three pence — — — — — £ 31-2-3
and unto M^r William Page Constable to collect the
sum of thirty five pounds two Shillings & nine pence £ 35-2-9
96-5-0

The County Tax is — — — — — £ 2-14-0-1
Committed of the County Tax unto M^r Hugh Maxwell
Constable to collect the sum of one pound thirteen Shillings
& eight pence half penny = — — — — — £ 1-13-8-2
and unto William Page Constable to collect the sum of
one pound three pence three Farthings — — — — — £ 1-0-3-0
2-14-0-1

Committed unto M^r Hugh Maxwell Constable to collect
of the Town Rate the sum of Forty Macdonalds
Shillings & nine pence — — — — — £ 4-18-9

The Correas of the Last High way Rate Committed
unto Hugh Maxwell a Constable to collect is three
Shillings & two pence half penny — — — — — £ 0-3-2-1/2

Committed unto M^r William Page a Constable to collect
the Town Rate the sum of Forty Pounds Ten Shillings
and Farthing — — — — — £ 40-10-0-1

The Correas of the Last High way Rate Committed
unto William Page a Constable to collect is four
Shillings — — — — — £ 4-0-0-0

The town will have the kind seat on the Mens Gallery the first
of June I think. And I am sure you will find it very comfortable.
I shall send you a copy of the paper as soon as it comes out. It is
not at all like the one which was sent you last year. It is
the same.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the second day of
May A.D. 1836 by the following votes were passed
Resolved That Davis Chapin Moderator
To know the mind of the town whether they will do any thing
to enable the Rev. Mr. Nathaniel Sherman to provide preaching
by reason of his indisposition of duty, either of not whether they
will provide it any other way.
Voted to provide preaching four Sabbath in Case Mr. Sherman is
unable to supply - and that Messrs John Moore this Sabbath
and John Page a Committee for that service.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the eighth day of
October A.D. 1836 by the following votes were passed
Resolved That Davis Chapin Moderator
To know how much money the town will grant to defray the
charges of the town this present year Voted \$450 - 0 - 0
To know in what method the town will proceed relating to
the school Voted to appropriate \$20 per year and the
above amount to provide a school and that Voted to have
a winter school four months one month in each Quarter
and not to leave one mile & a half from the Meeting house as
the road to leaving the North West Quarter
and then Voted that the remainder of the Money after the
be laid out for winter school in the same manner. Messrs
Abell Jonathan Willison John Moore and John Thompson
and Thomas Page a Committee
To know in what manner the town will pay the Rev. Mr. Sherman
his fine wood for the present year Voted that
Messrs Lane Thosely Lane and Thomas Page a Committee
to provide said fine wood at four shillings a cord
per cord which they accepted of
To know the mind of the town whether they will provide
preaching whilst Mr. Sherman is absent. Voted to
provide one Sabbath by the select men

244 At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the fourth Day of March A 1765 the following Votes were Passd

Moderator Deacon Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator & Sworn
Grandjuror M^r Job Lane Chosen Grandjuror

1. Article To Choose Town Officers for the Ensuing Year

select men	{	John Reed	Sworn	High ways	{	John Lane	Sworn
		Dea Benj Bacon				John Webber	
		John Moore Jun ^r				Oliver Reed	
		Christopher Page				William Page	
		Timothy Lane				Israel Putnam	

Town Clerk	{	John Reed	Sworn	Tencemen	{	Hugh Maxwell	Sworn
Town Treas ^r	{	Deacon Stephen Davis	Sworn			Samuel Lane Jun ^r	

Constable	{	Jonathan Willson	Sworn	Hograives	{	Jonathan Pollard	Sworn
		Jonathan Tasset				William Page	

Barrens	{	Jeremiah Fitch	Sworn	Field	{	Moses Abbott	Sworn
		Christopher Page				Jonathan Pollard	

Superogers of wheat	{	Benjamin Fitch	Sworn	Sealer of mail bags	{	Job Lane	Sworn
Surveyors	{	John Webber	Sworn	Sealer of Leather	{	Benj. Hutchinson	Sworn
	{			Pourreever	{	John Lane Jun ^r	Sworn
	{				{	Stephen Mead	Sworn

2. 1st To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine sh^d Go at Large this Present Year Under the regulation of the Laws. Voted in the Affirmative

3. 1st To know how much Money the Town will Grant to repair the High ways this Present year. Voted £ 20 - 0 - 0

4. 1st To know in what method the Town will Proceed in repairing the High ways Voted the Same as Usual

At a General town Meeting Legally Assembled on the Twenty four Day of May A 1765 the following Vote was Passd.

Article To see if the Town will elect and Depute one Good and Lawful Person to serve for and Represent them at the Great and General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative

at a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the third Day of September
 1765 the following Votes were Pass'd —

Capt Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator

Article To know how much Money the town will Grant to Defray the
 Charges of the town this Present year. — Voted £ 80 - 0 - 0

Art To know in what Method the town will Proceed relating to
 the School. — Voted to have a writing School five month one
 month to be keep in the School house the other four month in
 the North and South Side of the town According to the Discretion
 of the Committee they allowing to Each Side of the town their
 Proportion of School According to Each Sides pay. — Voted also
 to appropriate twenty pounds of the above said Grant to Provide
 a School and that the remainder of the money after the writing
 School is keep to be applyed for women Schools to be keep in the
 same manner. Mr Benjamin Danforth Walter Ballard John Lane
 Jun^r Jonathun Taylor & Joseph Heartwell Chosen a Committee to
 Provide said School.

Art To know in what Manner the town will pay the Red. M^r Nath^l
 Sherman his fire wood for the Present year — Voted that M^r Nath^l
 Page Job Lane Timothy Lane Moses Abbott & Thomas Page be
 a Committee to Provide said fire wood at four shillings per
 Cord which they Accepted of.

Art To see if the town will Do any thing to Enable the Red. M^r Nath^l
 Sherman to Provide Incensing by Reason of his Bodily Indisposition.
 Voted £ 10 - 0 - 0

Art To see if the town will add to the Red. M^r Nath^l Sherman's firewood
 four Cord. Annually — Voted in the Affirmative.

Art To know if it be the mind of the town to have the County Tax
 Assept with the town Rate for the future — Voted in the Affirmative

Art To see if the town will Make any addition to the Number of
 of Persons in either of the Petty Jury Boxes. or Alternations
 Voted in the Affirmative & Accordingly acted a Number

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At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the
third Day of February Anno Domini one thousand seven
Hundred and twenty six. the Following Votes were Passed. Viz
Deacon Benjamin Bacon Chosen Moderator

Resolved To see if the town will join with Messrs Edward Stearns
of Bellerica and Ebenezer Sage of Longmorton in Relinquishing
their rights with them, that they and their Lands may be Annexed
to the said town of Bedford (or for more if they think
proper) and if they will then to choose a Committee to manage
that affair as they shall think best. —
Voted in the affirmative and choose John Reed Walter Poole
and John Moore for a Committee to make Application
to each of said towns & before they proceed any further
to make return to the town in order that they may
have farther instructions

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The Rates for the year 1765

The Province Tax is Ninety six pounds five Shillings 96 5 0

Committed of the Province Tax unto Jonathan Willson a Constable
to Collect the Sum of fifty eight pounds eleven Shillings £ 58 11 0
and unto Jonathan Tappin a Constable to Collect the Sum of
thirty three pound fourteen Shilling - - - - - £ 33 14 0
£ 96 5 0

The County Tax is - - - - - £ 5 7 10
Committed of the County Tax unto Jonathan Willson a Constable
to Collect the Sum of three pounds - - - - - £ 3 0 0
and unto Jonathan Tappin a Constable to Collect the Sum of
two pounds seven Shillings & ten pence - - - - - £ 2 7 10
£ 5 7 10

over Plus in Constable Willson's province Left is £ 0 14 4
Committed unto Jonathan Willson a Constable to Collect
the Town Rate the Sum of sixty three pounds
fourteen Shillings & ten pence one Farthing £ 63 14 6 1

Committed unto Jonathan Tappin a Constable to Collect
the Town Rate the Sum of forty pounds seven Shillings
& pence two Farthings - - - - - £ 40 7 1 2

Orders for the year 1765 - 6

Dec ^r 23	the town Treasurer order to pay M ^r Shearman	63	6	0
Feb ^r 3	Jonathan Willson for to pay a School Mistress D. 16 ^d	1	10	0
28	Jonathan Tasset for Conveying Cotton Broadshus to Bitterica	0	6	0
March 7 th 1766	Humphrey Peirce for keeping School, part - - -	4	18	0
Septem ^r 1	Benjamin Danforth for the School - - -	5	0	0
Octob ^r 2	W ^m Page for Partrick Fleming's Rates 14/5 1/2 Amos Good- ell's High way rate abated 1/4 - - - - -	15 9		
Novem ^r 28	Jon ⁿ Tasset Const ^{le} for Jonas Titch & Per ^m Blood Rates Abated	1	7	10
Novem ^r 25	Joseph Welch for mending the Meeting House windows 14/11 1/2 Setting the School House Glass - - - - - 6/8	1	1	7

Dec ^r	To Jonathan Willson Constable			
Feb ^r 3	Thomas Page for Six Cord of wood for M ^r Shearman	1	4	0
	John Page for Boarding a School Mistress	1	10	0
24	Benjamin Danforth for Entertainment & Perambulation	0	8	0
Feb ^r 28	John Simonds for Ringing the Bell & other Service	1	5	6
	Christo ^r Page for Perambulating & other Service	0	9	11
	Deacon Bacon for Perambulating & other Service	1	4	2
	Timothy Lane for Service & four Cord of wood for M ^r Shearman	1	0	4
	John Reed for Cash, Service, & Sundarys	2	17	10
	Walter Pollard for Entertainment & an Iron Bar Lost in Service	1	6	0
	North ^h Page for four Cord of wood	0	16	0
7	Noyes Abbott for Six Cord of wood - - - - -	1	4	0
May 29	206 Lane for four Cord of wood - - - - -		16	0
Septem ^r 15	Walter Pollard for the School - - - - -	2	19	8

Feb ^r 19	1767 David Dutton for a pair of sheets for the wid. Mary Tasset	12	0	
Dec ^r	To Jonathan Tasset Constable			
Feb ^r 3	Jonathan Tasset for a Coffin & a rope for the Bell	0	10	0
24	Capt Titch for Perambulating Lincoln Lane	1	4	
28	John Moor for Perambulating & other Service 8/4			
	for paying Abigail Foster for keeping School 60/	3	8	4
Octob ^r 22	Samuel Bagon for the Key of the Church Bell &c -	0	4	0
	Oliver Reed for Perambulating - - - - -	0	1	8
Nov ^r 17	1766 Eleazar Davis for Abigail Foster for keeping School & boarding	4	1	8
	John Meriam for Perambulating	0	1	8
	Dianna Neighbors for Service as Treasurer & Perambulating	0	11	0
March 24	John Moore on Acct. of Humphrey Peirce for keeping Se	1	12	0
Septem ^r 15	Joseph Hartwell for the School - - - - -	1	10	0

A General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the third day of March AD 1766 the following Voters were Present Viz

Stephen Davis Chosen Moderator, and sworn.
Mr Stephen Cartmell Chosen Grand Juror.
Article To Chose Town Officers for the Ensuing year.

selectmen	<div>Stephen Davis John Webber James Lane Junr. Joseph Hartwell John Lane</div>	sworn.	Surveyors of Highways	<div>Moses Abbott Benjⁿ Maxwell Joseph Meedi Elezar Davis Sol. Lane</div>	sworn
town Clerk	Stephen Davis, sworn.		tything men	<div>Benjⁿ Maxwell Jeremiah Fitch</div>	sworn
treas ^r	John Reed, sworn.		house-keepers	<div>Jonathan Willson Samuel Lane</div>	sworn
stable	<div>Samuel Lane Junr. Daniel Davis,</div>	sworn.	hog-raisers	<div>Elis^a Page Junr. Daniel Davis,</div>	sworn
wood	<div>Oliver Reed Jeremiah Rea</div>	sworn.	field-drivers	<div>Moses Abbott Jonathan Pollard</div>	sworn
common	Benjamin Fitch, sworn.		sealer of weight	Rob Lane, sworn	
cheats	John Webber, sworn.		sealer of leather	Benj ⁿ Hutchinson Junr. sworn	
eyes			dear naves	<div>Moses Abbott Thomas Page</div>	sworn

1. To know the mind of the Town whether they will that go at large this present year under the regulation of the Law Voted in the Affirmative.
2. To know how much money the Town will grant to repair the Highways this present year. - Voted Twenty Pounds.
3. To know in what method the Town will proceed in repairing the Highways. - Voted the same as was last year.
4. To know if the Town will repair the School. - Voted, and if they will then to Chose a Committee for that purpose.
- Voted to Continue this Article till the next Town meeting.
- a General Town meeting on the 22nd day of May AD 1766.
- Then Voted to repair the School House, above^d & Chose mess^{rs} John Moore, Walter Pollard, & John Reed a Committee for that purpose.
1. To know if it be the mind of the Town that the selectmen should apply to the Judge of Probate in Order that m^r So.iah Davis may render an account of Guardianship for Edward Revers. - Voted in the Affirmative.
1. To know if the Town will divide the Town, say that the Court Collection & the services may be more equal. - Voted that the Town be divided into three parts one over the west end of the Road, called the New High way, and the other two are m^r Rob Lane's dwelling House to the South side of the Lines.

Bedford March 4th 1766

1764 Stephen Davis Late Town Treasurer in
Reckoning with the Selectmen, Returned the
Several persons here after Named Indebted to the
Town in the Respective Sums Set against their Names.

Viz.

	£	s	d
Hugh Maxwell a late Constable	12	13	3
William Page Ditto	7	8	0
Jonathan Wilson Do	64	8	10
Jonathan Fabel Do	40	7	1
Samuel Whitaker by his Notes of hand	2	12	8
The Heirs of Matthew Law Dec- by his Note	2	13	4
The Orders & Notes for the p ^d Sums were committed to m ^r John Reed Town Treasurer, on the day above			
Also on said day Delivered unto the p ^d Treasurer in Cash	11	15	1

Total £ 141 18 5

Decem^r 22: 1766 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer, or Successor
of Sam^l Lane Jun^r Constable Fifty-Nine pounds four Shillings
four pence three farthings & an half.

59 4 4

and of Daniel Davis Constable fifty four pound
four Shillings five pence three farthings & an half.

54 4 5

January 27: 1767 Josiah Davis then gave a Note to the p^d Treas^r
or Successor on Demand with Interest till paid on account of
Edward Stevens, of Seven pounds & three pence

7 0 3

1767 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer, or Successor Ordered to Recover of
Sam^l Lane Jun^r Cons^{le} Being arrears of the last Highway rate
and of Daniel Davis Cons^{le} Ditto

1 3

7 5

of Int^r Webber for Cautioning against Nath^l Duncklee

1 0

Job Lane for Cautioning against Int^r Thoring

1 0

Francis Bowman for Cautioning against Int^r Davis

1 0

Moses Abbott for Cautioning against Nathan Fidd

1 0

Laberz Russell for Cautioning against Am^l Sumner

1 0

Nath^l Duncklee for Cautioning against Sampson Crosby &c

1 0

Hugh Maxwell for Cautioning against Lucy Whitworth

1 0

£ 263 3 3

Jan^r 22: 1767 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer or Successor

Ordered to Recover of the above named Constables

the Sum of Twenty Three pounds Sixteen Shillings
& two pence

£ 23 16 2

and of Samuel Lane Constable Twenty seven

pounds four Shillings & one penny half pence

27 4 1

See page 262 — £ 21 12 0

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At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford duly Qualified & assembled at the meeting House on the Twenty-Second day of May AD 1766, the following Articles were laid before the Town & Voted upon Accordingly. Viz^d—

1. To See if the Town will Elect & Depute one good & Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this present year. — Voted in the Negative. —

Mr. John Lane Chosen Moderator of ^d Meetings.

2. To See if the Town will remove the School House near the Meeting House into one quarter of the Town & there repair it Instead of repairing it where it now stands as was proposed at the last annual Town meeting, and Build two more School Houses in the other quarters of the Town where there is none: Or otherwise Build a School House in each quarter of the Town (Excepting that which hath one) and not remove the old one; and Choose a Committee or Committees for that purpose. — Each part of this Article was Voted in the Negative. —

3. To See if the Town will Accept of the Accompt Settled by the Selectmen & Mr. Josiah Davis Relative to his Guardianship of Edward Stevens, Instead of their ^{applying} ~~applying~~ to the Judge of probate as was proposed at the last Town meeting. — Voted to Continue this Article till the next Town meeting. —

a General Town meeting on the 25th day of September AD 1766
This Article was then Voted in the Affirmative. See the Account in Page 255.

4. To See if the Town will allow Daniel Lane Jun^r to work out his High way rate this present year, Between his House & the High way. — Voted That he may work it out there & Beyond his House where it is most wanted. —

5. To Know whether the Town is willing that the Lands of Mess^{rs} William Grimes & William Grimes Jun^r Lying in Bedford, Should be set off from the ^d Town of Bedford & be annexed to the Town of Lexington, According to their petition, or any part thereof, upon Condition that the Land, or Improvements of Ebenezer Page Lying in ^{the} Lexington shall be annexed to the ^d Town of Bedford. —

Voted that it appears to Us of this Town that there is not a parity of reason that the Land, of the ^d Grimes's Should be annexed to the ^d Town of Lexington, with those of the ^d Page's being annexed to the ^d Town of Bedford, nor any comparison of reason therein. — But that the Land, of the ^d Page (or more to make a straight line) ought to be annexed to the ^d Town of Bedford, & those of the ^d Grimes's remain in Bedford as they are; Therefore we are not willing that the ^d Grimes's Land, Should be annexed as above^d. — But notwithstanding we are willing to refer it to the wise & Judicious Determination of His Excellency the Governour & the Hon^{ble} Courts. —

6. To See if the Town will Grant the request of the Committee Chosen in February Last to join with Mess^{rs} Edward Stearns & Ebenezer Page in Petitioning that their Land, may be annexed to the Town of Bedford. —

to make some addition thereunto; Provided that the Town gives them any further Instructions. — Voted in the affirmative & Chose Stephen Davis & Cap. Joseph Fitch, in addition to the p^d Com^{tee}

Voted also to accept of the p^d Committee's report in agreeing settling of Bound. to be petitioned for, & Established by the General Court Between the Town of Billerica & the Town of Bedford Including the p^d Stearns's Land into Bedford agreeable to the Vote of the Town of Billerica. — which is as follows Viz

Pursuant to the Vote of the Town of Billerica of the fourth of March A^d 1766 wherein the p^d Town Voted to Set off Edward Stearns of the p^d Town of Billerica, that he might together with his Land, be annexed to the Town of Bedford; We the Subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Billerica, and a Committee of the Town of Bedford met on the 16th Day of May A^d 1766 and Stated & Settled the Line Between the p^d Town in the following manner, Beginning at a Maple Stump in the old Line Between the p^d Towns Commonly known by Page's Corner from thence in a straight line to the Southeast Corner of St. John Stearns's Land to a ditch & a stake & a stone, then running on p^d Ditch to the Northeast Corner of Edward Stearns's Land from thence on the old Ditch in the Line Between St. Stearns & Edward Stearns to a Stake & a stone at the end of the p^d Ditch at a small turn in the Stone wall, then running to a large rock with small stones about being on the South Side of the brook about two pole South west from the Sawmill, and from thence on p^d brook to Concord river.

Billerica May 16th 1766

W^m Stickney
Samuel Keeder
Isaac Stearns
John Parker

} Selectmen
of Billerica

John Reed
Walter Pollard
John Moore

} Committee
for Bedford

Voted also that the p^d Committee shall Petition the General Court for the p^d Edward Stearns's Land to be annexed to this Town agreeable to the Vote of the p^d Town of Billerica & the Line Settled as above said. —

and also for a Committee to view the line Between this Town & the Town of Lexington in order that the p^d line may be made straight, So ~~as~~ that the Bow of the Line may be annexed to this Town or so much of it as that m^r Ebenezer Page & his Land may be annexed ^{said} thereunto, with out, or in Exchange, agreeable to the Vote of the p^d Town of Lexington.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the 25th day of September AD 1766. the following Votes were passed Viz.

M^r. Josiah Davis Chosen Moderator of said meeting. ---

To know how much money the Town will Grant to Defray the Charges thereof, this Present year. - Voted Twenty five Pounds, £25

To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating to the Schools. Voted to keep a writing School four months in the School House, and the women Schools wholly in the Quarters of the Town, Voted also to appropriate Twenty Pounds of the above Grant for the School, and that Mess^{rs}. John Reed, Benj^m. Hutchinson Jun^r, Elijah Fuller, Nath^l. Meriam, and Josiah Davis be a Committee to provide the schools. ---

To know in what manner the Town will pay the Rev^d M^r. Nath^l. Sherman his fire wood for the Present year. - Voted that Mess^{rs}. Nath^l. Page, Job Lane Timothy Lane, & Thomas Page, be a Committee to provide M^r. Sherman his fire wood for four Shillings & six pence per Cord; which they freely accepted of.

To see if the Town will make an Addition to the Rev^d M^r. Nath^l. Sherman's salary of Thirteen Pounds Six Shilling, & Eight pence Lawful money, or of any other sum, on Condition that he supply the Pulpit wholly for that time, by his hiring Preaching if unable to preach himself. - Voted in the Negative.

Proposed also whether they will give any other sum, and Voted in the Negative.

At a meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Regularly Assembled, on the 30th day of October. AD 1766. the following Votes were passed Viz. M^r. John Meriam Chosen Moderator.

That Inasmuch as the Rev^d M^r. Nath^l. Sherman has Neglected, and still Refuses to preach, under the Present Circumstances of the Town, -

To know what the Town will Do in Order to Supply the Pulpit, or Provide preaching. ---

Voted to hire preaching the next Sabbath, and to leave it with the Selectmen to provide a preacher. Voted also to adjourn their Meeting to Thursday next at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, - then to meet for further Consideration of the matter. ---

em^d. 6th 1766 The Town then met on adjournment & Voted to hire Preaching three sabbaths more, and Chose Mess^{rs}. Ebed Abbot, Job Lane & Nathaniel Page a Committee to provide a preacher.

254. Rate for the year - - 1766

The Province Tax for the year 1766 - - - £ 77 = 0 = 0

Committed, of the Province Tax unto Saml. Lane Junr.
a Constable to Collect, Forty Pound, six Shilling, & two
pence half penny - - - - - 40 = 6 = 2

And unto Daniel Davis a Constable to Collect, Thirty-
Six Pound Thirteen Shilling, & Nine pence half penny - 36 = 13 = 9
£ 77 = 0 = 0

The County Tax for the year 1766 - - - £ 3 = 7 = 5

Committed, of the County Tax, unto the P. Lane
to Collect, One pound & fifteen Shilling. - - 1 = 15 = 0

and unto the P. Davis, One pound twelve Shilling
& five pence. - - - - - 1 = 12 = 5
£ 3 = 7 = 5

Also Committed unto the P. Lane to Collect, of the
own Rate, Fifty-nine pound, four Shilling, four pence
& three farthing, & an half - - - £ 59 = 4 = 4

and unto the P. Davis Fifty-four pound four
Shilling, five pence & three farthing, & an half - - 54 = 4 = 5
£ 113 = 8 = 3

An account of a Tax or Assessment granted by the Select
men of the town of Dedham, regularly assessed on the
22nd of May, 1767, to defray the extraordinary
charges thereof, and committed unto the Constables of
the town of Dedham viz

Samuel Lane Constable the sum of twenty seven pound
four shilling & one penny half penny

And unto Stephen Need Constable the sum of Twenty
three, pound sixteen Shilling & two pence - - £ 23 = 16 = 0

At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Regularly Assembled on the Twelfth day of December 1766. The following Votes we passed Viz

1st Obed Abbott Chosen Moderator of ^d meeting.

2nd To see if the Town will Concur with the Church in the Dismission of the Rev. Mr. William Sherman from his Pastoral Office, on the fifth of December Current. Voted in the Affirmative.

3rd To see if the Town will give the Said Mr. Sherman the whole of his Salary & Firewood for this Present year, Notwithstanding his Dismission. Voted in the Affirmative.

4th To know in what manner the Town will Provide Preaching till the next Town meeting. - Voted to Leave it with the Selectmen to provide preaching.

5th To know if the Town will make any Additional Grant of money to Defray the Charges thereof, by reason of the alteration of the Circumstances of the Town since the last grants. - Voted Thirty Pounds - - - - - £ 30

6th To see if the Town will allow the Committee's Account of Cost in Repairing the School House. Voted to Continue this Article till the next Town meeting.

At a General Town meeting on the Second day of March AD 1767.

Voted to allow the ^d Committee's Account of Cost in repairing the School House Being Twenty-one pound Six Shillings & Seven pence, Lawful money.

24th 1766 The Account, Settled by the Selectmen & Mr. Joseph Davis relative to his Guardianship of Edward Stevens & there laid before the Town for Acceptance, and at the Town meeting next after Voted an Acceptance of it as follows Viz.

That the ^d Davis be paid to the ^d Edward the Nominal Sum of his due to the ^d Edward Viz £ 5 - 1 - 4. and the Interest thereof from June 5th 1753. till he took power of Guardianship viz March 4th 1757. which is £ 1 - 2 - 11. (Exclusive of his Earning at Eleazar Davis's in the year 1765.) Being in the whole - - - - - £ 6 - 1 - 3

January 7th 1767 reckoned with the ^d Davis in regard to ^{the} ^d Edwards to Eleazar Davis till June 10th 1766, and due to the ^d Edwards £ 0 - 16 - 0

Total £ 7 - 0 - 3

On the 27th of January the ^d Davis gave a Note to the Town Treasurer for the ^d Sum of Seven pounds, Joseph Davis & three pence upon Demand & Interest.

Joseph Davis.
John Wilson
James Lane Junr } Selectmen

Decem ^r 22 nd 1766	The Town Treasurer Ordered to pay the Rev. m ^r Nath ^l Sherman	£53:6:8
1767 March 6	M ^r Joseph Brown of Lexington for three days Preaching	4-0-0
March 6	Walter Pollard for repairing the School House	1-11-3
	Oliver Pollard Jun ^r Ditto	2-4-1
	Benjamin Pollard, Ditto	6
May 23	Walter Pollard in E. Page's Petition 42/3 Council Charge 42/3	2-14-8
July 9	Amusement for entertaining the m ^r m ^r	6-16-7
	Daniel Davis for boarding the wid. Mary Fasset	10-0-0
Septem ^r 19	1 st Joseph Ballard for keeping School four months	8-0-0
Novem ^r 2 nd	M ^r Hilliard for 7 weeks preaching 24/	4-8-0
Decem ^r 4-1767	Jonathan Moulton conf ^r John Chandler's Rates & Rates	13-11-
1767	Orders to Sam ^l Lane for Constable	
Feb ^r 9	Thos Page for six Cord of wood to m ^r Sherman for year 1766	1-7-0
18 th	Benj ⁿ Danforth for Entertainment	7-2-
24 th	John Lane for Service	10-8-
	James Lane Jun ^r for Service	9-7-
	John Webber for Service	9-7-
March 6	John Reed for repairing the School House	10-15-11
April 6	Nath ^l Page for six Cord of wood for 1766	1-7-0
	Timothy Lane for 6 1/2 Cord D.	1-9-3
Feb ^r 22: 1768	Benj. Danforth on acc ^t of John Lane	1-6-8
	Expence 6/3	1-12-11

March 1: 1768	John Thorning his Rates abated for 1766	14-5-
1767	Orders to Daniel Davis Constable	
Feb ^r 24	John Reed for Service as Treasurer & Entring Cautions 2/-	10-0-
	Walter Pollard for Entertainment	1-5-7
	Joseph Hartwell for Service 16-10 paying for wid. Fasset ^{boarding} 15-0-2 1/2	1-11-10-2
	wid Sarah Hartwell for keeping the wid Mary Fasset 12 weeks	0-18-3-1
	Stephen Davis for Service Entring Cautions &c	2-10-10
March 6	Samuel Bacon for Ringing the Bell &c	16-0
	John Moore for repairing the School House	15-4-
24 th	Stephen Hartwell for Entring six Cautions	6-0-
June 30	Step. Davis as Com ^r for E. Hearn & E. Page, part	19-1-
	John Lane for boarding ministers &c part	2-6-11
Oct 10 th	Nath ^l Meriam for the School, part	1-12-11-0
Novem ^r 27	Sarah Davis for the School	2-17-6
	John Lane for boarding ministers &c part	2-6-11
	John Lane for boarding ministers &c part	1-1-

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Decem ^r 11 th John Willson for repairing Bridges &c -	X 7 1-0
Decem ^r 12 th John Willson for four Days preaching -	X 5 12-0
Hugh Maxwell for shingling the Meeting House -	X 7 13-5
Decem ^r 23 rd John Willson for the School -	X 3 -
Arch ^d John Reed as Committee for E. Stearns & E. Page -	X 3-3-4
Mr. Josiah Thacher for preaching 21 Sabbath of the year past -	X 22-16-0
Mr. Nathaniel Sherman for 6 Days preaching 7 th & five cords of fire wood for the year 1766 -	X 8-6-6
Mr. Josiah Thacher for two Days preaching -	X 2-9-0
Mr. Joseph Perkins for one Days preaching -	X 1 6 3
Decem ^r 13 th Josiah Thacher for keeping school 4 months -	X 5-10-0
Orders to Stephen Davis as Constable -	
Stephen Davis as Com ^{tee} for E. Stearns & E. Page, part -	X 14 1
Decem ^r 5 th Nathaniel Meriam for the School, part -	X 1-7-0 3/4
68 Feb ^r 3 David Dutton, part of his Rate made in June abated -	1-0 X
6 th 22: Job Lane for service, ^{half a cord of wood} keeping Ministers & till 4 th March ^{meeting} -	X 5:16:10 2
Josiah Davis for service as Apsosor -	X 10-0-0
Stephen Davis as Com ^{tee} for E. Stearns & E. Page the Remains -	X 10-5-2
Arch ^d John Reed for service 10/ Plank for a bridge 1/8 -	X 11-8-
Walter Pollard for Entertainment 15/7 Plank for a bridge 2/8 -	X 18-3-
Step. Davis for Cash paid for the Town, Service &c -	X 2-19-1
Sam. Bacon half his ^{Town} rates for his son Samuel abated -	X 3-6-
9 Feb ^r 20 th Zeck ^l Fitch for the School -	X 2-7-4
John Meriam for the School 2-7-4 & perambulating Lex ^{ic} Line 1/8 2-9-0 X	

67. Orders to Sam ^l Lane Constable	
Item ^s 14 Tho ^s Bacon for work at the Great Bridge after the Great flood in the Spring: -	X 7-10
Tho ^s Page for 226 feet of Plank @ 20 ^d per m for Ditto -	X 12-0
Decem ^r 2: James Lane jun ^r for boarding Mr. J. Thacher 16 w: 4 d: -	X 5-0-0
Decem ^r 11: Benj ⁿ Hutchinson jun ^r for the School -	X 3-0-0
John Webber for shingling the Meeting House -	X 0-14-10
Oliver Pollard jun ^r for Ditto -	X 1-6-3
Feb ^r 22 Moses Abbott for service as Apsosor -	X 6-3
Hugh Maxwell for service, & Caution, and going for Mr. Thacher -	X 2-0-4
Arch ^d John Webber more for the meeting House, mistake before -	X 0 2 5
9 Febr ^y 20 Benj ⁿ Panforth for the School -	X 2-7-4
Arch ^d 23: 1770 Edward Stearns part of the 50 ^d rate given by Town 1/2	

At a General Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, duly Qualified & assembled at the Meeting House the second day of March AD 1767. The following Votes were passed.

M^r. John Speed Chosen Moderator & Sworn. —

M^r. John Lane Chosen Grand Juror.

Article To Choose Town Officers for the ensuing year. — Viz

Select Men { Stephen Davis }
 { Job Lane } Sworn
 { Hugh Maxwell } Assessor
 { Josiah Davis }
 { James Abbott }

Tithing Men { Jonathan Willson } Sworn
 { Jeremiah Keas }

Hence Viewers { Jonathan Willson } Sworn
 { James Lane Jun^r }

Hog reeves { David Fitch } Sworn
 { Benjⁿ. Bacon Jun^r }

Field Drivers { Eleazar Davis } Sworn
 { Timothy Lane }

Sealer of Weights { Job Lane } Sworn

Sealer of Leather { Benjⁿ. Hutchinson Jun^r } Sworn

Deers reeves { Benjamin Dantforth } Sworn
 { Moses Abbott }

Town Clerk - Stephen Davis. Sworn

Town Treas^r. John Speed. Sworn

Constable { Samuel Lane } Sworn
 { Stephen Needs }

Assessors { Thomas Page } Sworn
 { John Webber }

Surveyor { Benjamin Fitch } Sworn

Surveyors { John Webber } Sworn

Surveyors { Thomas Bacon } Sworn
 { Samuel Lane Jun^r }
 { Benjⁿ. Bacon Jun^r }
 { Daniel Davis }
 { John Speed }

2. To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at large under the Regulation of the Law this present year.
 Voted in the Affirmative. —

3. To know how much money the Town will grant to Repair the High-ways. Voted Twenty Pounds —

4. To know in what method the Town will proceed in Repairing the High-ways. — Voted the same as was Last year. —

5. To know if it be the mind of the Town to New Shingle the Meeting House, or either side of it; and if it be to Choose a Committee to give them Instructions therein. —

Voted to Shingle the fore-side of the Meeting house, and Chose Mess^{rs}. Hugh Maxwell, John Webber, & Oliver Pollard Jun^r. a Committee for that service; Voted also that they do it with Eighteen Inch Shingles & lay them but five Inches & an half to the weather, and that it be well Done, & Done by the Last of September next; and that they also men the back side as they shall think best. —

6. To see if the Town will allow of, & put upon Record the Highway or the laid out by the Selectmen on Land of Mess^{rs}. Chris^t. Page, John Page & Benjⁿ. Page from the road leading to Mr. Grimme to the road that goes to Willsons mill, & lay a line of stones about half a rood North of a large stump against the stone laid of same at Lion Decard; in Exchange for the old way from thence to the said road 104 in

The Land of the Said ^{old way} to be put into satisfaction to the owners of the Land on which the Other is Laid. — The Said way is laid out as follows Viz.

2^d February 7th 1767.

The Selectmen then met & laid out an Highway, or road two fass wide, from the Road leading to W^m Grimes's beginning at a heap of stones on Land of Chris^t Page, from thence about four rods to a heap of stones by a rock in P. Page's land, thence turning Northerly & running in a straight line to a heap of stones being the South-westly Corner of Benjⁿ Danforth's land, partly on P. Page's land & partly on land of John Page, thence on P. Danforth's land near to the Northerly end of the Stone wall in the line Between Benjⁿ Danforth & Chris^t Page's land; and from thence through said Danforth's land in a straight line by a Black Oak tree marked as a heap of stones about half a rod North of a large stump by the road to Willson's Mills against the House late James Willson's; these said Boundaries are all on the Norwestly Side of the Road. —

Voted to allow of the ^d Way, as above Described. —

1st To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Examine & Consider the Respective Accounts of the several Committees for Service done for the Town, in Order for their Allowance, if it be thought reasonable. — Voted in the Negative.

2^d To know in what manner the Town will further provide preaching.

Voted to Chose a Committee for that purpose, Viz. John Reed, Josiah Davis, Job Lane Benjamin Hutchinson Jun^r & Stephen Davis.

At a General meeting of the freemen & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford duly Qualified & assembled at the meeting House, the twenty first day of May A^d 1767 The following Articles, (being Inserted in the warrant for this meeting) were laid before the Town & Voted upon accordingly Viz.

1st To See if the Town will Elect & Repulse one good & Lawful person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this year. Voted in the Negative.

2^d John Reed Chosen Moderator of the ^d Meeting.

3^d To See if the Town will make any additional Grant of money to Repair the High way, & Bridges, by reason of their being so much damaged by the late great rain; — or make some other provision to repair some particular Bridges.

The first paragraph was Voted in the Negative; Then Voted to Repair the Great Bridge next to Benjⁿ Danforth's, & the Bridges on the road against Willson's Mills (so called) and draw the pay out of the ratings and Chose Mr. Jonathan Willson only for that Service.

4th To See if the Town will allow the Account of Cost in Entertaining the Council Convened in Bedford in December Last; and the Committee's Account, in applying to the General Court in Order that Mess^{rs} Edward Cleaves & Ebenezer Page might be annexed to the ^d Town of Bedford, or either of said towns, or any part thereof.

Voted to allow the Account of Entertaining the Council Excepting for Isaac Barron but Nine Shilling, Old tenor, per day, and for the women attendants but six Shilling, Old tenor, per day. — Voted also to allow the ^{last} Com^{tee} account.

5th To See if the Town will Grant any money (at this time) to defray the Extraordinary Charges thereof. Voted Fifty pounds. £50-0-0

6th To Chose a Committee further to provide preaching.

Voted to Leave it with the present Com^{tee} still to provide preaching. —

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Duly Qualified & Assembled at the meeting House on the 30th day of September AD 1767. The following Articles (being ~~inserted~~ in the warrants for the calling the said meeting) were laid before the Town, & Voted upon accordingly Viz. — Cap^t Joseph Fitch Chosen Moderator. —

1st To See if the Town will concur with the Church in the Choice of Mr. Josiah Thacher to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Town; and if they will, then to know what the Town will grant him as a Settlement, & a yearly salary for his Encouragement & support, and to Choose a Committee to treat with Mr. Thacher (together with the Church's Committee) Relative to his settling in this Town. — Voted to Concur with the Church in the Choice of Mr. Josiah Thacher to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Town. —

Voted also to Give the P^r. M^r. Josiah Thacher one Hundred & Twenty pound to enable & Encourage his Settling in this Town; the one half thereof in one year, & the other half in two years after he shall be ordained to the work of the ministry in this place. —

and likewise Voted to Give the P^r. M^r. Thacher the Sum of Sixty pound annually as a Ministerial Salary, so long as he shall Supply the pulpit in this Town. —

Voted also & Chose Mess^{rs}. Hugh Maxwell, Christopher Page, John Moore & John Webber a Committee to join with the Church's Committee to treat with the P^r. M^r. Thacher Relative to his Settling in this Town.

2nd To know how much money the Town will grant to Defray the Charges thereof this present year. — Voted one Hundred pounds, to provide preaching, & to Defray the other Charges of the Town. — — — £100 =

3rd To know in what method the Town will proceed Relating to the School. — Voted to appropriate Eighteen pound of the above said Grant for the Schools; also Voted that the Schools be kept in the same manner as was last year, Viz that the writing School be kept four months in the School House, and the women Schools wholly in the Quarters of the Town; and that Mess^{rs}. Benjⁿ. Danforth, Thomas Page, Samuel Lechariah Fitch & John Meriam be a Committee to provide for the Schools.

4th To See how the Town will Supply the Pulpit for the future. — Voted & Chose Mess^{rs}. Eleazar Davis, Job Lane, & John Webber a Committee and that they Supply the pulpit according to their Discretion until the next town-meeting.

An Account of the Rates for the year 1707. 261

The Province Tax for Bedford to pay --- £ 73-0-6

Committed, of the Province Tax unto Stephen
Need Constable to Collect the Sum of --- £ 36-³ 11-3
and unto Samuel Lane Constable, the Sum of --- £ 41-6-1
£ 78-0-6

The County Tax for Bedford to pay --- £ 3-7-5

Committed unto said Need Constable to Collect £ 1-12-1
and unto said Lane Constable, of the County Rate £ 1-15-0
£ 3-7-5

Committed unto Stephen Need Const. to Collect £ ---
of the Town Rate, ^{Exclusive of his part of the County Tax} the Sum of --- £ 45-10-2 1/2
and unto Samuel Lane Const. ^{Exclusive of his part}
of the County Tax the Sum of --- £ 53-7-8 1/4
There is also over-plus in D. Jones Province list --- 1-15-2 1/2
£ 55-2-11 -

The Town Treasurer Rec^d from page 250 £ 314 : 13 : 6
 Dec^r 17. 1767. m^r John Reed Town Treasurer or Successor
 Ordered to Receive of Stephen Meads Constable Forty five
 pounds ten shillings & two pence half penny. - £ 45 : 10 : 2

and of Samuel Lane Constable Fifty five pounds
 two shillings & eleven pence. - £ 55 : 2 : 1

February 26th 1768 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer or
 Successor Ordered to Receive of Stephen Meads Cont^{le} 8-2
 and of Samuel Lane Constable four shillings & one penny 4-1
 It being the arrears of the Last Highway Rate to
 each of them respectively Committed to Collect.

and of Eleazar Davis for Shingles 5/4 Entering Caution
 against Josiah Blanchard - } 6-4

Nicholas Sprague for Entering Caution against him & family
 Judah Wright Ditto against himself - 1-0

Job Lane D^r against Lemuel Blanchard - 1-0

Benjamin Beard D^r against himself & wife - 1-0

Cap^t Joseph Fitch D^r against Godfrey Richardson - 1-0

Jonathan Willson D^r against Ruth Willson - 1-0

John Moore D^r against Keziah Brown - 1-0

John Lane Jun^r D^r against Martha Belknap - 1-0

Benjⁿ Maxwell D^r against Increase Winsor - 1-0

Christopher Page Jun^r D^r against W^m Blodget - 1-0

Benjⁿ Bacon Jun^r D^r against Samuel Conrey - 1-0

January 11th 1769 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer or his
 Successor Ordered to Receive of m^r Christopher Page Jun^r
 Constable Sixty eight Pounds Nine Shillings
 Three pence three farthings - £ 68 : 9 : 3

and of Benjⁿ Bacon Jun^r Cont^{le} Fifty five Pounds 55 =

February 20th 1769 m^r John Reed Rec^d a Note of David
 Dutton for his Rate for the year 1766 - 1-1-10
 and of Amos Goodell Ditto - 13-6

Feb^r 28th 1769 The Town Treasurer or his Successor Ordered to
 Receive of Christopher Page Jun^r Cont^{le} - 12-7

and of Benjⁿ Bacon Jun^r Constable - 5-1

It being the arrears of the Last Highway rate Committed
 to them to Collect.

November 30th 1769. m^r John Reed Town Treasurer, or

his Successor Ordered to Receive of John Webber Cont^{le} 68-0-6

and of Joseph Conways - 54-2-27

Feb^r 19. 1770 m^r John Reed Town Treasurer or Successor
 Ordered to Receive of John Webber - 3-4

and of Joseph Conways - 6-7

It being the arrears of the Last Highway rate for them to collect = 11-4

1769.
 The Town Treasurers Accounts bro^d forward £665:11:4-3/4
 Mr John Reed Town Treasurer also Charges himself
 for the arrears of the Highway Rate, Recd of Hugh Maxwell 3-2 1/2
 and of William Page four shillings. Sum total £665:18-7 1/4

March 23rd 1770 Mr John Reed late Town Treasurer
 returned several Person in Debt to the Town - £173-7-10 1/2
 also Delivered to Mr Tho^s Page, his Successor, Cash ^{23-4-3 1/4} £23-4-3 1/2
 Paid before, at several times - 466:19-3-
 Orders to the Treasurers for the year 1776
 To the Rev Joseph Penniman
 March 16th 1776 William Page for paying the School
 Master - £2-2-0
 Moses Abbott for six days training with 25 militia men
 June the 6th 1776

March 3rd 1777 Mr Hugh Matwell for Rates, aka^d
 Cranes Leonard & William Abbott and Benjamin 11
 March 8th 1776 John Abbott for his Ballen when he was
 with 25 militia men
 April 16th 1776 William Page for paying the School
 Master
 April 7th 1776 Oliver Bacon of the School Master
 Orders to the Treasurers for the year 1777
 To the Rev Joseph Penniman
 April 9th 1777 To Samson Hardy for his Bounty as a Soldier 6:14-3
 June 13th 1777 To John Abbott for Town Stock & powder 1-8-4
 June 2nd 24th 1777 To Sam^l Lane for paying the School
 Master 1-10-14

February 1778 To Benjamin Matwell for a pollard & Rates 0-11-14
 February 16 To Mr James Wright for James Caldwell Rates 7/8
 and Timothy Johnson Rates 7/-
 To Mr William Grimes for his highway Rates aka^d - 2-3-4
 To Mr William Page for Timothy Johnson his land, Stearns high 2-11-4
 February 23rd 1778 Recd Mr Joseph Penniman for Rates 66:13-4
 To the Rev Mr Joseph Penniman for Bording 3-6-0
 The School Master - 1-0-0

23 To Mr William Page for Savings as Treasurer - 1-0-0
 March 9th To Mr Moses Abbott for money that he paid for guns Dec 18 9-0-0
 To Mr Joseph Penniman for money that he paid for guns Dec 18 1-5-1
 May 21st 1778 To Abraham Muiam for 30 day campaign 3-0-0
 30 To William Porter for 30 day campaign 3-0-0
 June 11th To Andrew Hall for 30 day men 3-0-0
 July 25 To John Abbott for 30 day campaign 3-0-0
 27 To John Abbott for 30 day campaign 3-0-0
 January 1779 To Timothy Lane for paying the School Master 4-0-0
 June 18 1779 To John Lane for paying the School Master 4-0-0

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled at the meeting House the 7th Day of March A.D. 1768. the following Votes were taken viz

1st John Reed Chosen Moderator of the meeting & sworn.

2nd Joseph Hartwell Chosen Grand Juror.

3rd Art. To Choose Town officers for the ensuing year. Viz

Stephen Davis
Benjamin Bacon
John Reed
Joseph Hartwell
John Webber

Samuel Lane
Benjⁿ Simonds
Joseph Hartwell
William Page
Walter Tolland

Surveyors
of High-ways

4th Art. Stephen Davis - Sworn.

Tithingmen { Michael Bacon
Benjⁿ Hutchinson } Sworn

Stephen Davis
John Reed
John Webber } Sworn

Town Viewers { Eleazar Davis
Moses Abbott } Sworn

5th Art. John Reed - Sworn

Hog-reeves { Judah Wright
Stephen Meeds } Sworn

Christopher Page Jun^r
Benjamin Bacon Jun^r } Sworn

Field-Drivers { Joseph Convis
Jonathan Taylor } Sworn

Isaac Maxwell
Eleazar Davis } Sworn

Scaler of Weights & Measures, Job Lane, Sworn

6th Art. { John Webber - Sworn

Scaler of Leather - Benjⁿ Hutchinson } Sworn
Deer-rangers { James Lane Jun^r
Jonathan Willson } Sworn

7th Art. Resolved that the warden of the Town whether the Town shall go or large under the Regulation of the Law, this present year.
Voted in the Affirmative. —

8th Art. Resolved that the money the Town will grant to repair the high ways this present year. — Voted two, viz. pounds. —

9th Art. Resolved that the money the Town will grant to repair the high ways. — Voted to proceed in the same method as last year. —

10th Art. Resolved that the meeting was adjourned (by a vote of the Town) to Thursday next at one o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday March 10th 1768. The Town then met on adjournment and held on the remaining Articles of the warrant as follows

11th Art. Resolved that the Town will concur with the Church in the choice of Mr Joseph Willson to be work of the Gospel ministry in the Town; and if they will then to know what the Town will grant him as a settlement & a yearly salary for his encouragement & support; and chose a Committee to treat with the said Mr Willson together with the Church's Committee relative to his settling in the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town. —

Voted in the Affirmative by 37 yeas

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Voted also to Give the said Mr. Joseph Willard the sum of one hundred & twenty Pounds as a Settlement; the one half thereof in one year, & the other half in two years after he shall be ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town. —

and also Voted to Give the said Mr. Joseph Willard the sum of Sixty six pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence annually as a ministerial salary so long as he shall supply the Pulpit; and if he shall any ways be Disabled to preach, and does not otherwise supply the Pulpit, then to Give him but the one half of the said salary annually so long as he sustains the Pastoral office in this Town. —

Voted also & Chose messrs. Job Lane, John Moore, & Nathl. Page a Committee to treat with the said Mr. Willard as above said. —

Art. To know in what manner the Town will further supply the Pulpit. Voted to Leave it with the Church & Towns Committee to supply till the next Town-meeting. —

Art. To see if the Town will Concur with the Vote of the Town of Boston in October last, to Encourage the Produce & Manufactures of this Province and to Lessen the Use of Superfluities, & Particulars the enumerated Articles therein mentioned; or what they will be relative thereunto. — Voted in the Affirmative? —

At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford legally assembled at the meeting house the 1st Day of May A.D. 1768 the following Votes were passed. —
1st That if the Town will send & send a Good & Discreet Person to serve for & represent them at the next General Court this present year. — Voted in the Negative.

2^d To know whether the Town has any thing to object against the Prayer being granted of the Petition of the Agents of several Towns in the westerly part of the County of Middlesex; that the General Court of Justice Court of Probate &c. may for the future be held in the Town of Concord. — Voted in the Negative.

3^d To know whether the Town will (according to the Desire of the Committee from the Court) do any thing in order for agreement with the Town of Lexington relative to the Petition of Eben^r. Page that his Land in Lexington may be annexed to Bedford; and of Mr. Page's interest that his Land in Bedford may be let to Lexington; or whether they will rather leave it to the respective Determination of the said Committee. — Voted to Leave it to the said Committee.

4th To know whether the Town will signify Henry Simonds from the office of Surveyor of Highways on account of his removal from that office of the Town for which he was chosen, and Chose another to serve in his place. — Voted to signify Mr. Simonds, and Chose Mr. Ebene^r. Page to serve in his stead, who was sworn according. —

1768.

At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled the Second Day of June AD 1768. The following Votes were Passed Viz

1st Mr. John Linn Chosen Moderator of the meeting.

2nd Mr. Forbes of the Town will (upon the Request of Mr. Joseph Willard, previous to his settling in the work of the Ministry here) take off the Limitation of the one half of the ministerial Salary Voted him at the Annual Town meeting in March last (which was to give him but the one half of the Salary in case he should any ways be Disabled to preach and not otherwise Supply the Pulpit) and give him the whole of the Salary so long as he shall sustain the Pastoral office in this town. — Voted in the Negative.

3rd Mr. Forbes of the Town will give the said Mr. Joseph Willard a sufficient Quantity of firewood in Addition to the Annual Salary Voted him at the said meeting in March last. — and the Vote being Resputed, it was tried by the Poll and the Moderator Declared that there was 25 Votes in the Affirmative & 25 Votes in the Negative, — whereupon the meeting was Adjourned to Thursday then next at five of the Clock in the after noon. — But before the time came for the meeting or Adjournment above said, the said Mr. Joseph Willard gave the Church & Town an answer in the Negative, therefore the Town Did not meet at that time.

At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the fourth Day of July AD 1768 the following Votes were Passed Viz.

1st Mr. Abel Abbott Chosen Moderator of the meeting.

2nd Mr. Forbes of the Town will (upon the Request of several Persons) Review their Votes of the last Town meeting relative to Mr. Joseph Willard's Request in Regard to the Ministerial Salary Voted him at the Annual Town meeting in March last, — and Grant their Request, or any other Encouragement that the Town shall think proper. — and if they will be Choise a Committee to treat with the said Mr. Willard in Respect to the further Encouragement that shall be given him. — Voted to continue this Article till the next Town meeting. —

At a Legal Town meeting on the fifth Day of October AD 1768. The Town Voted still to continue the foregoing Article until the next Town meeting.

At a Legal Town meeting on the 6th Day of March AD 1769. The Town Voted to Dismiss the above said Continued Article. —

2. Article To see in what manner the Town will further supply
the Pulpit; and to do any thing else that the Town shall think
necessary & proper to do previous to the settling of the Gospel mini-
stry in this place. — Voted to Choose five men for a Comtee
to supply the Pulpit. Viz. Dea. Benjⁿ Bacon. Messrs. John Webber,
Stephen Kirtland, Edward Leavins, & Zeph^h Fitch. —

3. A General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants
of the Town of Bedford Legally assembled the 15th day
of October A.D. 1768, the following Voted were Passed viz
m^r John Lane Chosen Moderator.

4. To know how much money the Town will grant to
defray the Charges of this present year.

Voted one Hundred & Twenty Pounds. — £ 120

5. To know in what method the Town will proceed relat-
ing to the Schools. — Voted to appropriate Twenty Pounds
of the above said Grants for the Schools and that the same
be kept in the same manner as was done last year, and
that Messrs. John Webber, John Lane, Peter Brown, Eleazar
Davis, & Oliver Reed be a Committee to manage the
Schools.

6. To know whether it be the mind of the Town that the Selectmen
for the present year, in disposing of the Town Grants shall
govern themselves by the valuation taken by them in May last
according to the Rules & Directions of the last Act, or by the
valuation of the Land & Personal Estate, or by the former valuation
of the Personal Estate, as usual. — Voted that they shall go by the
valuation of the Land & Personal Estate taken in May last.

7. To know in what manner the Town will further supply
the Pulpit. — Voted to Leave it with the former Committee
to supply the Pulpit till the next Town meeting.

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An account of the Rates for 1768. & 1769

No Province Tax this year. — £ s. d.

The County Tax is four Pound & ten pence 4:0:10

Committed of the County Rate to Benjⁿ
Bacon Jun^r Constable to collect — — — — 1:16:6

and to Christopher Page Jun^r Cons^{le} to collect 2:4:4
£ 4:0:10

Committed unto the said Benjⁿ Bacon
to collect of the Town Rate, Exclusive of his
part of the County Rate, Fifty-five Pound, 55:0:0

and unto the said Chris^t Page to collect
Besides his Part of the County Rate, Sixty eight
Pound Nine Shilling, & three pence three farthings
£ 68:9:3

An account of the Rates for the year 1769.

Bedford's Proportion of the Province Tax for year is £ 59:11:2

Committed, (of P^r Tax) unto m^r John Webber a Constable
to collect, Thirty three Pound, & ten pence half penny £ 33:0:10

and unto m^r Joseph Conwars Constable to collect Twenty-
Six Pound, ten Shilling, & four pence. — — — — £ 26:10:0

Sum Total £ 59:11:2

Bedford's Proportion of the County Rate for year is £ 4:14:0

Committed (of P^r Tax) unto the s^d John Webber to collect
Two Pound, fourteen Shilling, & four pence. — — — — £ 2:14:0

and unto the s^d Joseph Conwars to collect, Two Pound, 2:0:0

Sum Total — £ 4:14:0

Committed, unto the s^d John Webber to collect of
the Town Rate, (besides his part of the County Tax)

Sixty eight Pound, & Six pence. — — — — £ 68:0:6

and unto the s^d Joseph Conwars to collect, (Exclusive
of his part of the County Tax) Fifty four Pound, two
Shilling, & two pence half penny. — — — — £ 54:2:0

An Account of the Rates for 1770 — 26.
Bedford's Proportion of the Province Tax for 1 year
Including a fine of 6^s for not sending a Deputy £ 56:2:8

Committed (of P. Tax) unto Benj^a. Maxwell
Constable to Collect — — — — — £ 29.15:6
and unto David Page Constable to Collect — — — — — £ 26:7:2
Total £ 56:2:8

The County Tax is five Pounds Seven Shillings
& ten pence — — — — — £ 5=7=10

Committed, of the County Tax, to Benjamin
Maxwell Const^{le} to Collect. — — — — — £ 2=17=10
and unto David Page Const^{le} to Collect — — — — — 2=10=0
Sum Total £ 5=7=10

There is over-plus in Benj^a. Maxwell's Province Lit. 6=3
Committed, of the Town rate, to the P. Maxwell
to Collect, besides his part of the County rate. — £ 57=5=8
Total £ 57=11=11
and to the P. David Page, besides his part
of the County Tax. — — — — — £ 50=4=4

Bedford's Proportion of the Province Tax, for the year 1771
is fifty four Pounds, four shillings, & eleven pence £ 54=14=11
Committed (of P. Tax) unto Tim^t. Page Const^{le} to Collect — — — — — £ 31=3=8
and unto Tim^t. Jones Const^{le} to Collect — — — — — £ 23=11=11
Total £ 54=14=11

The County Tax for the year 1771 — — — — — £ 6=1=4
Committed (of P. Tax) to Tim^t. Page Const^{le} to Collect — — — — — 3=1=3
and unto Tim^t. Jones Const^{le} to Collect — — — — — 3=0=0
Total £ 6=1=4

There is over-plus in P. Tim^t. Page's Province Lit. £ 0=7=8-3
Committed unto Tim^t. Page, of the Town rate, besides his part
of the County Tax — — — — — £ 79=14=2-1
Total £ 80=11=5

There is over-plus in Tim^t. Jones's Province Lit. £ 0=6=7-0
Committed, of the Town rate, unto Tim^t. Jones besides
his part of the County Tax, — — — — — £ 60=7=3-3
Total £ 60=13=10-3

1768
 Town Treasurer's Book to pay m^{rs}.oph s. d.
 1768 Willard for preaching - - - - - £37-6-8
 1768 Mr. John Munroe for two days Preaching X 2-2-8
 1768 Job Lane for boarding m^r. Joseph Willard 13 weeks
 and keeping his horse 10 1/2 weeks. Since m^r. ch m^r. 4-2-6
 1769 Febr. 20th Daniel Davis for David Dutton & Amos Goodall's
 Rates, for which they have notes to y^r Treasurer. } 1-15-4-2
 1769 Samuel Lane for the School for the years 1767, 8 2-7-4
 Febr. 28th m^r. Ephraim Ward for 10 Days Preaching 13-6-8
 1769 m^r. Daniel Johnson for 4 Days Preaching 5-6-8
 1769 m^r. John Emerson for 7 Days Preaching besides boarding him two weeks 8-18-2
 March 6 m^r. Thos. Abbott for 10 days & besides boarding him two weeks 12-16-0
 1769 m^r. Zepheniah Briggs for keeping school 13 weeks besides 6-13-4
 Nov. 30th Moses Abbott for his school for 1768, 9 2-11-5 1/2

To Benj^a. Bacon Jr.

1769-Febr. 28 Josiah Davis for Perambulating Concord line 1-4
 1769 Joseph Hartwell Ditto - - - - - 1-4
 1769 Joseph Meeds for Perambulating Lincoln line - - - 1-4
 1769 Stephen Meeds Ditto - - - - - 1-4
 1769 Walter Pollard for Entertainment - - - - - 11-5 1/2
 March 6 Benj^a. Simonds, Eased in his Rates - - - - - 2-4 1/2
 April 10th John Reed for service as Treas^r, Assessor, & boarding the
 Schoolmaster, & keeping Preachers till March meeting } 9-13-11
 1769 Step. Davis for service as Town Clerk, Assessor &c for y^r year 1768 part 3-10-8
 1769 30th Eleazar Davis for the School for the years 1768, 9 2-11-5
 1769 16 Oliver Reed for the School for 1768, 9 2-11-5

To Christopher Page Jr.

1769 Febr. 28 Jonas Bowman for his son Joseph Rates - 8-6
 1769 Dea. Benj^a. Bacon for Peram. Billerica line 2/8 a rope 6/- 8-8
 1769 Elisha Fuller Ditto - - - - - 2-8
 1769 Christopher Page for Peram^t Wobourn line - - - 1-6
 1769 Benj^a. Danforth for Entertainment - - - - - 2-6
 March 6 John Webber for keeping & Perambulating, besides what
 he owed for some shingles - which is paid out of his acct. } 1-0-0
 1769 Nathan Bowman for ringing the Bell, sweeping y^e meeting } 15-10
 1769 Hugh Maxwell for Jack Lane's Rates abated by the Town X 4-5
 April 10 Jonathan Pollard on acc^t of Step. Davis in part 3-2
 1769 22 John Webber for the School for 1768, 9 } 2-11-5
 May 21 1770 Sam^l. Lane Jr for his share of High Way } 0-7

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Orders for 1770.

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Feb 12 Treas.^r Order to pay the Heirs of m^r. Amos
 Sawyer & Treas.^r for preaching 8 Sabbaths ~~10-13-4~~
 To m^r. Andrew Eliot for 6 days Preaching ~~8-0-0~~
 To m^r. Tim^r. Hillyard for 2 days Do ~~2-13-4~~
 To m^r. Jacob Bigelow for 2 days Do ~~2-13-4~~
 To m^r. Sam. Hunt for 3 days Do ~~6-13-4~~
 To m^r. Ada Dunbar for 4 days Do ~~5-6-8~~
 m^r. John Emerson for Preaching 12 days, besides
 10/8 for 2 1/2 weeks boarding on week days, } 15-9-4
 Lemuel Blanchard for ringing the bell &c ~~1-3-10~~
 Jan^r. 15 John Webber for the women's school ~~2-13-8~~
 Elijah Brown £2-16-0 Alexander Thayer £4-16-0
 m^r. Faxon £1-5-4 Nath. Niles £7-11 & Jacob Coggin
 £6-0-0. Each of these paid by Tho. Page & allowed him by J. West.

Orders to John Webber Constable.

Feb^r. 19 Thomas Page for Service as an Assessor ~~12-8-4~~
 Benjamin Danforth for Entertainments ~~4-6~~
 March 2 Dea Benjamin Bacon for Service as Assessor ~~4-10-4~~
 March 23: m^r. Jacob Coggin for keeping School three months ~~6-13-4~~
 N^o. 10 John Lane for the School mistress. ~~2-13-8~~

Orders to Joseph Lane Constable.

Feb^r. 19th Eleazar Davis for Service as an Assessor. ~~12-8-4~~
 March 2 Walter Pollard for Entertainment ~~13-7-4~~
 John Reed for Service as Treas.^r 8/21 Assessor,
 keeping Preachers till 29 of Octob^r. last, & other things ~~4-13-8~~
 Hep. Davis for Service as Clerk, and as Assessor &c ~~2-2-0~~
 May 11th Benj^r. Ball of Concord, half his sons rate, abated. ~~6-2-4~~
 John Moore for boarding m^r. Jacob Coggin 13 weeks for the school 52/- five for Preach-
 ing 20/- m^r. Alex^r. Thayer & his horse 2 weeks 10/- m^r. Ming's horse 2/- } 4-4-0
 June 4 Job Lane for boarding m^r. John Emerson 2 weeks } 1-15-4
 13/4 keeping ministers 11 Sabbaths 22/- }
 March 4. 1771 Taber Russell for ringing the bell post 12-4
 Septem^r. 18. 1770 Jacob Coggin for Preaching in vest 6-0-0

At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Legally Assembled on the 6th Day of March A.D. 1769. The following votes were passed. Viz.

M^r John Reed Chosen Moderator of said Meeting, & sworn
M^r Benjamin Hutchinson Jun^r Chosen Grand Juror.

1. Article To Choose Town officers for the ensuing year, and to make such additions to, & alterations in the several Boxes of Tickets for Petit Jurors as the Town shall Judge proper.

Select men	Stephen Davis	Sworn Assessors.	
	John Reed		
	Dea ^r Beny ^a Bacon		
	Eliz ^r Davis		
	Thomas Page		
	Town Clerk	Stephen Davis	Sworn
	Town Treasurer	John Reed	Sworn
Constab ^l	John Webber	Sworn	
	Joseph Converse		
	Israel Putnam		
ward- ens	William Page	Sworn	
	John Webber		
Survey ^r of the High- ways	John Lane	Sworn	
	Thomas Bacon		
Survey ^r of the High- ways	Stephen Meeds		Sworn
	Joseph Converse		
	Ebenezer Page		

Tithing- men	Thomas Page	Sworn
	John Lane	
fence- viewers	John Lane Jun ^r	Sworn
	Timothy Lane	
Hog- reaves	David Page	Sworn
	Timothy Page	
field- drivers	William Page	Sworn
	Samuel Lane Jun ^r	
Scaler of weight & measure	Job Lane	Sworn
	Beny ^a Hutchinson Jun ^r	
Deer- reaves	Timothy Lane	Sworn
	Moses Abbott	

The Town also added several Tickets to the Inferiour Box of Petit Jurors. and Transferred others to the Superior Box.

2. Art. To See in what manner the Town will further Supply the Pulpit Voted & Chose (by a handy Vote) John Reed, Stephen Davis, Elipha Fuller, John Lane, & Jonathan Willson, a Committee to Supply the Pulpit till the next Town meeting.

3. Art. To know the mind of the Town whether the Swine shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law this Present year. - Voted in the Affirmative.

4. Art. To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High-ways this Present year. - Voted Twenty Pounds.

5. Art. To know in what method the Town will Proceed in Repairing the High-ways. - Voted to Proceed in the same method as was Last year.

6. Art. To see if the Town will Allow M^r Hugh Maxwell a Constable in the year 1764 for Jack Lane's Rates which he has accounted for, but not Collected. Voted in the Affirmative.

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At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford, Legally assembled on the 25th of May 1769. The following Articles were considered & Voted upon accordingly.

- Art. To see if the Town will Elect & Depute a good & Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court this Present year. — Voted in the Negative. —
- Deacon Benjamin Bacon Chosen Moderator. —
- Art. To know in what manner the Town will further supply the Pulpit. — Voted 1st To Choope a new Committee 2^{ly} Voted to Choope a Committee by written Votes. — Then Chose (by written votes) mess^{rs}. John Reed, Dea Ben^g Bacon Thomas Page, Jonathan Willson, & Elisha Fuller, a Committee to Provide Preaching till the next Town meeting. — —

At a General meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Duly Qualified for acting, & Regularly assembled at the meeting-house on Monday the Eighteenth Day of Septem^r A^d 1769. the following Votes were passed, Viz

Mr Joseph Marlwell Chosen Moderator of the meeting. —

- Art. To see if the Town will Concur with the Church in the Chooice of Mr John Emerson of Malden to the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town: and if they will then to see what the Town will Grant him as a Settlement; and as a yearly Salary for his Encouragement & Support; and also to Choope a Committee to treat with the said Mr Emerson (together with the Church Committee) relative to his Settling in the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town.

Voted in the Affirmative, by 34 yeas.

Voted also to give the said Mr John Emerson the Sum of one Hundred & thirty three Pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence, as a Settlement, the one half thereof in one year, & the other half thereof in two years after he shall be Ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town.

Then it was proposed to the Town whether they would Limit Mr Emerson's Salary; and Voted in the Negative. —

Proposed also whether the Town will give the said Mr John Emerson the Sum of Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence, annually, as a Ministerial Salary, so long as he shall Sustain the Pastoral office in this Town. Voted in the Affirmative. —

Voted also that mess^{rs}. Nath. Page, Stephen Marlwell & Christopher Page be a Committee to treat with the said Mr Emerson (with the Church Committee) relative to his Settling in the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town. —

- 2 Article to know how much money the Town will grant to Repay the Charges thereof, this Present year. — Voted one Hundred & Twenty Pounds.
- 3 Arts To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating to the School. — Voted to appropriate Twenty Pounds of the above grant for the Schools; and that the writing School be kept in the School house three months; The rest of the money to be expended on reading Schools in the four Quarters of the Town as usual. — and that messrs John Webber, Job Lane, John Lane Junr, John Moore, & Ebenezer Page be a Committee to provide for the Schools.
- 4 Art To know in what manner the Town will Supply the Pulpit. — Voted to leave it with ^{the} Committee's Chosen by the Church & the Town to treat with Mr. John Emerson, to Supply the Pulpit. —

At a General meeting of the freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford Regularly Assembled on the 5th day of March AD 1770, the following Votrs were Pass'd, Viz.

M^r. Joseph Kartwell Chosen Moderator off Meeting & S^{er}mon

M^r. John Lane Jun^r Chosen Grand-juror. —

1. Art To Chose Town officers for the Ensuing year. —

Men	Stephen Davis	Sworn	Fishing	Moses Abbott	Sworn
Men	Dea ⁿ Benjamin Bacon	Sworn	men	Edward Stearns	Sworn
Men	Job Lane	Sworn	fence	Moses Abbott	Sworn
Men	Josiah Davis	Sworn	Swiss	Samuel Woolley	Sworn
Men	John Meriam	Sworn	Men	Timothy Jones	Sworn
Town Clerk	Stephen Davis, Sworn		Men	Joseph Meeds Jun ^r	Sworn
Town Treasurer	Thomas Page, Sworn		field	Hugh Maxwell	Sworn
Constable	Benjamin Maxwell	Sworn	dry	Timothy Lane	Sworn
Men	David Page	Sworn	Sealer of weight	Benj ⁿ . Bacon Jun ^r	Sworn
Men	James Lane Jun ^r	Sworn	& Measures		
Men	Judah Wright	Sworn	Sealer of Leather	Jer ^o . Fitch Jun ^r	Sworn
Men	John Webber, Sworn		Men	Samuel Woolley	Sworn
Men	Moses Abbott	Sworn	Men	Timothy Page	Sworn
Men	Christopher Page	Sworn			
Men	Nathaniel Meriam	Sworn			
Men	Zechariah Fitch	Sworn			
Men	Samuel Bacon	Sworn			

2 Art To know in what manner the Town will further Supply the Pulpit. — Voted to Chose a Committee of three men, by writte Votrs Viz Messrs Josiah Davis, John Moore, & Thomas Page. —

- Art To know whether the swine shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law, this Present year. — Voted in the Affirmative. —
- Art To know how much money the Town will Grant to Repair the High-ways, the Ensuing year. — Voted Twenty Pounds. —
- Art To know in what method the Town will Repair the Highways, this Present year. — Voted to repair the Highways in the same manner they were Last year. —
- Art To see if the Town will abate the Rates of Edward Stearns to the Tax of fifty Pounds Granted by the Town in May AD 1767, for his Poll, his Personal & Real Estate (Excepting for that that was formerly in Bedford) by reason of his being then so newly annexed to this Town. — Voted in the Affirmative. —
- Art To see if the Town will Choose a Committee to Search out & Settle the Bounds between the Town's Common Land Lying before the Meeting-House, and Land of Mr. John Reed. — Voted & Chose Messrs. John Webber, Nathaniel Page, & Richard Wheeler a Committee for the Purpose above mentioned. —
- Art To see if the Town will allow Stephen Davis Twelve Shilling, for taking a plan of the Town, which hath been Necessary in order to obtain the Additions, that have been made to the Town from the Town of Lexington. — Voted in the Negative.

10. At a General Town meeting Legally Assembled the 21st day of May AD 1770 the following Article, were Considered & Voted upon ^{by the Town}
- Art To see if will Elect & Depute a good & Lawful Person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General Court, this Present year. Voted in the Negative. — Mr. John Lane Moderator
- Art To know whether it be the mind of the Town that those Persons belonging to other Towns that have Real Estate in this Town under their own Occupation & Improvement, shall be rated for the Repairing of the High-ways in this Town, for the future. — Voted in the Affirmative. —
- Art To know in what manner the Town will further supply the Pulpit. — Voted to Leave it still with the Last Committee to supply the Pulpit. — Voted also that the P. Committee shall get Mr. Alexander Thayer to preach here again, if they can. —

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March 23: 1770 M^r. John Reed late Town
Treasurer, in Reckoning with the Selectmen, Returned
the Several Persons following, in Debt to the Town in the
Respective Sums Set against their Names, Viz. — £ — S — d —

The Heirs of Matthew Law Dec ^d . by his Note of hand	2-13-4
Samuel Whitaker by his Note —	2-12-8
Josiah Davis by his Note, on acct. of Edward Stevens dated January 27 th 1767. on Interest till paid. —	7-0-3
David Dutton by his Note —	1-1-10-2
Amos Goodell by his Note —	13-6
{ Daniel Davis a late Constable. —	1-14-0-2
{ Samuel Lane Jun ^r . Ditto —	1-8-3-3
{ Samuel Lane De —	2-17-4
{ Stephen Meeds — De —	2-18-5-2
{ Christopher Page Jun ^r . — De —	10-1-5-2
{ Benjamin Bacon Jun ^r . — De —	7-8-3-3
{ John Webber — De the Rate 68-0-6 ^{of Highway} arrears 3-4 1/4	68-3-10-1
{ Joseph Converse — De 54-2-2 1/2 De 6 1/2	54-8-9-2
John Webber y/ Job Lane y/ Francis Bowman y/ Moser Abbott y/ Sabez Russell y/ Nath. Dunceloe y/ Hugh Max well y/ each for entering Cautions, — See page 250. }	7-0
Eleazar Davis y/ Nicholas Sprague y/ Judah Wright y/ Job Lane y/ Benj ^a . Beard y/ the Heirs of Cap. Joseph Fitch y/ Jonathan Willson y/ John Moore y/ John Lane Jun ^r . y/ Benj ^a . Maxwell y/ Chris ⁿ . Page Jun ^r . y/ Benj ^a . Bacon Jun ^r . y/ each for Cautions. — See Page 262. }	12-0

March 23: 1770 the Notes & Orders for the above mentioned
Sums were Transmitted to M^r. Tho^s. Page Town Treasurer
The p^r. Treasurer also charged for Cash paid by M^r. Reed — 23-4-3-1
and also for Cash before paid to M^r. John Emerson, In part — 10
and to M^r. Asa Dunbar, In part — 1-6-8

Sum Total — £ 198-12-1-3

January 14th 1771 M^r. Tho^s. Page Town Treasurer
or his Successor Ordered to Receive of M^r.
Benjamin Maxwell Constable — £ 57-11-11
and of M^r. David Page Constable — 50-4-4
Feb^r 25 1771 Tho^s. Page Town Treas^r or Successor
Ordered to Receive of David Page Constable — 4-9
and of Benj^a. Maxwell Constable — 0-5
y/ being the arrears of the last Highway rate
Decem^r. 16-1771 M^r. Tho^s. Page Town Treas^r or Successor
Ordered to Receive of Sam^l. Page Const^{le} — £ 80-1-11
and of Sam^l. Jones Constable — 60-13-10
Feb^r 23 1772 M^r. Tho^s. Page Town Treas^r or Successor Ordered to
Receive of Sam^l. Page Const^{le} or a man of the High way rate 16-4
and of Sam^l. Jones Const^{le} Ditto — 8-7-1
£ 448-14-1

December 25th 1772 Thomas Page Town Treasurer
or Succesor Ordered to Receive of Hugh Maxwell
Constable £62-1-2 1/2
and of David Fitch Constable 76-19-4 1/2

February 19th 1773 Thomas Page Town Treas^r
or Succesor Ordered to Receive of Hugh Maxwell
Constable, as arrears of the Highway rate. £1-2-1-2
and of David Fitch Constable, Ditto. — 0-9-9-2

December 21th 1773 Thomas Page Town Treasurer or
Succesor Ordered to Receive of James Wright Constable 46-5-9-2
and of William Meriam Constable £34-0-2-0

February 4th 21th 1774 Thomas Page Town Treasurer or
Succesor Ordered to Receive of James Wright Constable
as arrears of the Highway rate 0-11-4-2
and of William Meriam Constable Ditto 0-8-7-2
Sumtotal 671-2-0-1
Paid in 674-7-1-3

March 29th 1774 M^r Thomas Page Late Town Treasurer in conjunction
with the Selectmen Returned the Several Persons following
in Debt to the Town, Viz

Beny Maxwell a Late Constable	3-17-0
David Page a Late Constable	0-4-11-2
Timothy Page a Late Constable	2-14-3-3
Timothy Jones a Late Constable	3-0-11-0
David Fitch a Late Constable	8-16-5-0
Hugh Maxwell a Late Constable	6-7-2-0
James Wright Constable 46-5-9-2 arrears of the Highway 11/9-2	46-17-2-0
William Meriam Ditto 34-0-2 arrears of the Highway 8/9-2	34-8-19-2
The Heirs of Mathew Law Decd by his Note	2-13-4
Samuel Whitaker by his Notes	2-12-8
David Dutton by his Note	1-1-10-3/4
Benjamin Bacon a Late Constable	0-15-8
Sumtotal	113-10-3-1

December 1st 1774 M^r John H. Town Treasurer or Succesor
Ordered to Receive of M^r James Wright Constable 69-5-11
and of M^r Samuel Davis Constable 50-6-4-2
March 1775 Treasurer ordered to receive of James Wright
Constable 4/2-1 & of Samuel Davis 6/2-1 233-13-0-3 1/2
Joseph Davis by his Note on acct of Education 7-0-2-2
240-13-3-3 1/2

1770.

At a General Town-meeting Legally Assembled the Tenth day of October AD 1770 the following Votes were passed Viz. Mr Hugh Maxwell Chosen Moderator.

1. Art. To know how much money the Town will grant to Defray the Charges thereof this Present year. Voted one Hundred Pounds. - - - - - £100 : 0 : 0

2. Art. To know in what method the Town will proceed Relating to the School. - Voted to appropriate Twenty pounds of the above grant to the School, and that the writing School be kept three months in the School-House in the middle of the Town, Voted also that the Remainder of the money be expended on reading Schools in the four quarters of the Town, as usual, and that mess^{rs} Edward Stearns, Hugh Maxwell, Timothy Page, John Moore, & Joseph Corwaise be a Committee to provide the schools. -

3. Art. To see if the Town will accept of the Report of the Comtee Chosen in March last to Search out & settle the bounds between the Towns Common Land & Land of Mr John Reed and Order the same to be put upon Records. - Voted that the bounds between the said Lands be a Stone wall now stands, both on the southerly & Easterly sides of the Common lands; and the ^{sd} Reed was present when this Vote was passed, & publicly consented there.

4. Art. To know in what manner the Town will further Supply the Pulpit, - Voted to Continue the former Committee still to Supply the Pulpit. -

1771. At a General meeting of the freemen & other inhabitants of the Town of Bedford (Duly Qualified for Voting) on the 10th day of February AD 1771. The following Votes were passed Viz. Dea. Isaac Bacon Chosen Moderator of a meeting and the following list of names being presented in the evening the following notice given to the Holders & inhabitants of the Town fifteen days before hand (as appears by the Constable Return under their Hand) was Consented & acted upon as follows. Viz.

That the Town will provide with the Church in the Charge of Mr Joseph Penman to the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Town; and if they will then to Enquire what the Town will grant him as a Settlement, and how much as a year's Stipend, & salary for his maintenance & support in the discharge of his duties as a Minister with the ^{sd} Penman together with the Church Committee relative to his settling the work of the Gospel Ministry in this Town.

Voted to concur with the Church in the choice of Mr. Joseph Penniman as above by a majority of 46 votes. —

Voted also to give the p. Mr. Joseph Penniman (if he accepts of his call to the work of the Gospel ministry here) the sum of one thousand thirty three pounds, six shillings, & eight pence as a settlement, the one half thereof in one year, & the other half in two years after he shall be ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in this Town. —

Voted likewise to give the p. Mr. Penniman the sum of sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings, & four pence annually as a ministerial salary. —

and Voted also that Messrs. John Page, John Reed, & Job Lane be a Committee to treat with Mr. Penniman as aforesaid. —

The bounds of the Town were Perambulated & the bound-marks renewed in April A.D 1771. by the Persons hereafter named & such as joined them from the adjacent Towns. Viz.

Stephen Hartwell } with Concord
Joseph Hartwell }
Dea Benj^a Bacon } Billerica
Job Lane - }
John Moore } Woburn
John Webber }

John Reed - } Lexington
John Meriam }
Stephen Davis } Lincoln
Joseph Converse }

The bounds of the Town were Perambulated in April A.D 1774 by the Persons hereafter named Viz.

Joseph Hartwell } with Concord
Stephen Hartwell }

John Reed } Lexington
Ebenezer Page }

John Reed } Billerica
Samuel Lane }

Joseph Hartwell } Lincoln
Stephen Mead }

John Reed } Woburn
John Webber }

The bounds of The Town were Perambulated in April & May 1777 by the Persons hereafter named Viz.

Joseph Hartwell } with Concord
Stephen Hartwell }

John Webber } with Lexington
Ebenezer Page }

Joseph Converse } with Lincoln
Joseph Meads }

Christopher Page } with Billerica
John Webber }

John Webber } with Woburn
Edward Mearns }

At a meeting of the freeholders & other inhabi-
-lants of the Town of Bedford, duly Qualified for
Voting, on the 4th day of March A^d. 1773.
the following Votes were passed, Viz

M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator, — Sworn.
M^r Nathaniel Meriam Chosen Grand-jury.

Arts To Choose Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Stephen Davis } John Reed } Joseph Hartwell } Edward Stearns } John Moore }	Tithing men } John Webber } Timothy Page } fence view } Jonathan Willson } John Meriam } Hogs } Jeremiah Fitch } reeve } John Lane }
Town Clerk } Stephen Davis, Sworn Town Treas ^r } Tho ^s Page, Sworn	field } Josiah Upton } dno } John Webber }
Constables } Timothy Jones } Timothy Page }	Sealers of } Benj ^d Bacon } 100 rights } & measure }
garden } Elisha Fuller } John Lane }	Sealers of } leather }
cor paver } John Webber, Sworn of Shinglerde } Jonathan Willson	reave } Samuel Woolley } Will ^m Page, Sworn
survey } Hugh Maxwell, } Stephen Meeds } 100 } Bazar Davis } high- } John Moore }	

2 Art. To see if the Town will appoint the time for the Ordi-
-nation of M^r Joseph Penniman; and what Provision
they will make for the same. —

Voted that the Ordination of M^r Penniman be
on Wednesday the 22nd day of May Next.

Voted also that the Consideration of the last Laws in
this Article be Adjourned till the last Wednesday in
April next, being the 24th day of ^{the} month, at two
of the Clock in the After-noon. —

3 Art. To know what the Town will grant to repair the
High-ways, this Present year; — and in what me-
-thod they will proceed therein. — Voted thirty pounds,
; and to Proceed in the usual method. —

4 Art. To know whether the Swine shall go at Large, in
this Town, under the Regulation of the Law, this Present
year. — Voted in the Affirmative.

1775.

At a meeting of the freeholders & other substantial
-bitants of the Town of Bedford, on adjournment from the
1st Day of March A.D. 1775 to the 24th Day of April next
The last Clause of the 2nd Article in the warrant for
the meeting on the 1st of March was considered & voted
upon by

— what Provision the Town will make for the Ordination
of M^r. Joseph Penniman.

Voted in concurrence with the vote of the M^r. that the
Day appointed for the Ordination of M^r. Penniman
should be religiously observed, and that they were Determin-
ed, as much as in them lay to prevent all ~~Disorder~~
Levity, Unhainnets, Musick, Dancing & frolicking, and
other Disorders on said Day.

and M^r. John Reed offering to Entertain the Council
& M^r. Penniman's Relations upon his own particular Cost
on Condition that the M^r. would add two or three parti-
-cular Churches to the Council (which they did) the Town
Voted that the M^r. Reed should entertain them as
above said. —

and upon M^r. Elisha Tuller's offering to Entertain
Other Ministers & Candidates for the Ministry, upon
his own Cost, on the Conditions above mentioned, the
Town Voted that he should entertain them on the
above M^r. terms. —

The Town likewise Chose Mess^{rs}. Timothy Jones, Nathan
Simonds, John Webber, Jeremiah Fitch, & James Wright
a Committee to open the meeting House, & to keep the
below the Deacons Seat & the Town's Pew for the Church
& Council. —

At a General Town meeting legally assembled on the 24th
Day of May A.D. 1775. the following Article was considered
& Voted upon by M^r. Edward Stearns Moderator. —
Resolved that if any person will send a Deputie to send a Deputie
person to serve for & Represent them at the Great & General
Court this present year. — Voted in the Affirmative
Resolved that if it be the mind of the Town to petition the General
Court for the statement of the sum laid upon the Town for
the year 1774. — and if it be, then to send
a Committee for that purpose.

Proposed

Proposed 1st whether they would act upon this Article at this
time. Voted in the Negative.

Q^{ly} Proposed whether they would continue this Article to
the next Town Meeting. Voted in the Affirmative.

At a general Town meeting on the 4th Day of November 1877.
The Town Voted to Dismiss the foregoing Continued Article.

At a general Meeting of the freeholders & other respectable Inhabit-
ants of the Town of Bedford on the fourth Day of November 1877.
The following Articles were passed.

1st Elisha Abbott Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

Art. To know how much money the Town will grant to defray the
Charges thereof this present year. Voted four Pounds.

Art. To know in what method the Town will proceed relating to the
schools. Voted 1st to have a writing school kept three
months. 2^{ly} Voted to appropriate twenty Pounds for the
schools. 3^{ly} that the remainder of the 20 pounds (that is
what is expended for the writing school) that be expended
on reading schools in the four quarters of the Town, said
schools not to be kept more than one mile & three quarters from
the meeting-house. — And 4th Voted that John Lane, (Clerk)
Joseph John, Marjann & George Davis & John Keedys be appointed
to provide the schools. —

Art. To know the mind of the Town whether they are willing to be
at any Charge towards the maintaining a bridge in Britainia
(called Richs bridge) and if they are not willing, then to know
whether they will take any notice to prevent its being a Charge
as there is a few of our Inhabitants with a number of others de-
termined for a County road over the bridge. —

The first part of this Article was Voted in the Negative,
and one in the Town appeared for it. — 2^{ly} Voted that the
Selectmen should write to the County Committee in order
to prevent the Towns being taxed with any part of the
maintenance of the said bridge. —

1771	Ordered to Mr. Tins Treasurer for 1772. 2.	1	1	
Dec 16 th	Mr. Joseph Penniman for his salary	133	6	x
1772	& his settlement			
Feb 9 th	For Carriage for Peram. 1/4 J ^{no} Champney rate	3	5	1+
24 th	For Need for Amos Welch & J ^{no} Champney's rate abate	17	6	2+
29 th	J ^{no} Welch for his school William's son's rate 12/4 Peram. 1/4	13	8	+
May 25 th	David Page for plank for a bridge by J ^{no} Merriam	11	4	x
Oct 11 th	John Lane for the school mistress in 1772	1	3	+
	Christopher Page for Dittie and boarding the mistress	2	11	3+
	John Welch for part of Amos Welch's rate abate	7	6	+
Oct 15 th	J ^{no} Merriam for the school mistress	2	11	8x
Dec 31 st	David Page for his salary for J ^{no} Champney	1	9	x
	Rate for the year 1772 abated			
March 24 th 1772	Tim th Harris for keeping school 13 weeks	6	13	4+
July 30 th 1772	W th Joseph Penniman. Boarding. W th Harris	2	12	0+
1772	Orders to Tim th Page for			
Feb 7 th 20 th	Dea th Benj th Bacon for Peram. Bitteria line	2	0	+
20 th	Edward Ottearn for appraising & Peram. Bitteria line	1	0	1+
20 th	Oliver Peapack for appraising the meeting house, meeting school	10	2	x
March 2 nd	Samuel Blanchard his High way rate, road & school	1	6	+
May 25 th	Hugh Maxwell for an iron bolt set at the way	10	8	x
June 5 th	Tim th W th Johnson's High way rate, road & school	3	3	1x
Sept 11 th	John Lane for boarding the school mistress	1	3	0x
1772	Orders to Tim th Jones for			
Feb 7 th 20 th	Rev. Hartwell for Peram. Common line	1	4	+
20 th	John Lane for Perambulating Bitteria line	2	0	+
20 th	Joseph Hartwell for appraising & Peram. Common line	1	4	6+
20 th	John Reed Esq for appraising & Peram. Lex th line	12	6	+
20 th	J ^{no} Merriam for Perambulating Lexington line	1	8	+
20 th	John Reed Esq for appraising & Peram. Common line	1	1	7+
20 th	Walter Pollard for Entertainment	17	6	+
20 th	David Davis for appraising & appraising & Peram. Common line	4	4	6+
March 20 th	John Reed Esq for appraising the bill, remainder	16	0	+
May 14 th	John Reed for word for the school for 1772, 2	3	0	+
20 th	Walter Pollard for Entertainment, since March	1	6	+
Oct 11 th	David Davis for the school mistress	2	11	8x

Orders to the several Treasurers for 1771.		4	8	7	+
b. 25 John Webber Const. for Nath. Wyman's rates abated		12	4	+	
Chris. Page for Nonresident Highway rates abated		1	0	+	
Joseph Converse for mending the Meeting House		1	1	8	+
Benj. Bacon Jun. for Joseph Fitch & Moses Burd's rates abated		17	0	+	
Sam. Lane for Ramson Crosby's Town rate abated		10	10	+	
Sam. Lane Jun. for Nath. Dunkley & Silas Burd's rates abated		1	8	2	1/2
do. Page for boarding Preachers till March Meeting	7:7	7	15	0	+
Service as Treasurer 8/					
April 12 th Tim. Page for the School Master 6:13:4	Boarding	2-12-0	9	5	4
Sept. 23 John Moore for the School			2	13	8
do. Joseph Converse Ditto					
do. Edward Stearns for the School Mistress			2	10	2 1/2
b. 28. 1772 Tho. Page for Service as Treasurer			8	0	+

Orders to Benj. Maxwell Const.					
b. 25 th Dia. Benj. Bacon for Service as Assessor			3	7	+
Benj. Danforth for Entertainment			1	0	
Sept. 23 rd John Lane for Boarding the School Mistress			1	3	5 1/2
Nov. 4 th Hugh Maxwell for the woman School			2	13	8
do. John Whiting for his son Dec. rates abated			11	0	+

Sept. 13 th 1771 Job Lane for mending the Meeting House window in 1770		1	2	2	+
Orders to David Page Const.					
b. 25 Sam. Bacon more for ringing the bell, per Order of the Vestry			0	8	+
Eosiah Davis for Service as Assessor, & taking care of the poor			5	6	+
Job Lane, for Assessing & several other Services			14	0	+
John Meriam for Assessing			8	5	+
Sam Woolley for 60 quarries of flint for the Meeting House			3	4	+
Walter Tolland for Entertainment			9	7	1/2
Es. Davis for Service as Town Clerk, Assessor, & for the poor			2	11	3
March 4 John Meriam for the School Mistress			2	13	8
John Moore for the School Mistress & boarding in 1770			2	13	8
Jabez Russell for ringing the bell &c. the remainder					
4 Benj. Bacon Jun. for some measures & Sealing & Cutting	Prop. for meeting house		0	6	0
John Smith his pole rate abated, being paid at Needham			11	0	
Jabez Russell for ringing the bell					

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and the said meeting was held at the house of the said
 John. The said meeting was held on the 17th day of the month of
 March 1792. The following persons were present.
 The said meeting was held at the house of the said
 John. The said meeting was held on the 17th day of the month of
 March 1792. The following persons were present.

{ John Speed } sworn { Thomas H. H. } sworn	{ John Lane } sworn { Ben. B. } sworn
For the Corp. Davis. - Sworn For the Corp. Page. - Sworn	{ Timothy Jones } sworn { James H. } sworn
Jeremiah H. H. was chosen the first Constable, and he agreeing with M. H. H. H. H. H. the town accepted of him in his room who was sworn accordingly. Davis was chosen the second Const. & sworn.	{ Nathaniel H. } sworn { Hugh H. } sworn { Samuel H. } sworn { Samuel H. } sworn { Samuel H. } sworn { Samuel H. } sworn
{ Josiah H. } sworn { John H. } sworn	{ John H. } sworn { John H. } sworn

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 March 1792. The following persons were present.
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 John. The said meeting was held on the 17th day of the month of
 March 1792. The following persons were present.

After general town meeting legally assembled on the
 twenty fifth day of the month of March 1792. The following
 Articles were read and approved.
 That the town and Constable be paid a good
 salary for the services they perform in the year 1792.
 And the said meeting was held on the 17th day of the month of
 March 1792.

A General meeting of the freemen & other habitable
 inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the eighth day of
 July 1772. The following votes were passed viz
 John Read Esq. Chosen moderator. —
 Then the following Article duly read & unanimously
 agreed to. That the Town will give relative to the petition of
 Joseph Still & others for a way to White Bridge (so called) in
 Billerica, in answer to the petition of the Board Committee
 appointed by the ^{House} of General Sessions of the peace to
 view & enquire into the necessity & convenience of
 said way. — Voted 1st to choose a Committee of two
 men to defend the Town, by all proper measures, till the
 next Town meeting. Viz. John Davis & John Read Esq.
 Chosen a Committee. — Voted 2^d to adjourn the further
 consideration of the Article till the next Town meeting.
 At a General meeting of the freemen & other habitable in-
 habitants of the Town of Bedford on the 7th day of October
 1772. And from thence adjourned to the 14th Instant & the
 above mentioned Article was further considered by the Town
 and it was ^{unanimously} voted that we are of
 opinion that the said way & Bridge is not of Publick neces-
 sity & convenience, but only for a few in their particular
 interests, as appears to us not only by our own knowledge
 of the situation thereof, but also in that no one has offered
 to be for the same therefore we pray the Hon^{ble} Court not to grant
 a way or Bridge there at any Expence charge of the Town
 of Bedford. —
 Voted also that the above named Committee should apply
 to the Town in writing, the reasons in order to recover their
 before taxed with any cost towards making or maintain-
 ing a Bridge as aforesaid.

A General meeting of the freemen & other habitable
 inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the 14th day of October 1772.
 The following votes were passed viz
 1st John Davis Chosen a moderator
 2^d Voted to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday the 18th
 Instant at two of the clock in the afternoon.
 October 18th 1772. The Town unanimously met and the fol-
 lowing Articles were considered & voted upon viz.

3. Ait. To know how much money the town will have to pay
for the maintenance of this year. & also for the year.

4. Ait. To know in what method the town will proceed in settling
the schools. & also to know in the same method as in
last year — and that night, Jonathan Willson, John
Moore, Oliver Reed, and John Decker, be a committee to
provide the schools.

An Account of the Rates for the year 1773

The Province Tax this year is £ 55-4-11

Committed of the Province Tax unto

M^r James Wright a Constable to Collect £ 31-9-7-1

and unto M^r William Meriam Constable 23-15-3-3

£ 55-4-11-0

The County^{tax} this year is £ 8-8-1

Committed of the County Tax unto the
Said Wright to Collect 4-16-0

and unto the Said Meriam to Collect 3-12-1

£ 8-8-1

The over Plus in the Said Wright 0 8-10-2

Province Lift is

Committed unto the Said Wright of the
Town Rate to Collect

£ 45-16-11

£ 46-5-9-2

Committed of the town Rate unto the
Said Meriam to Collect 34-0-2

Committed unto Said Wright of the of arrears 11 4 2

of the High-way Rates 8 9 2

and unto Said Meriam Ditto

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 The Province Tax this year - £ 60-6-6 1/2
 Committed, of the Province Tax unto
 Mr Hugh Maxwell Comptroller to Collect - £ 26-17-8 3/4
 and unto Mr David Fitch Comptroller 33-8-9 3/4
 £ 60-6-6 1/2

The County Tax this year - £ 8-8-1
 Committed, of the County Tax, unto the
 Sd Maxwell, to Collect - £ 3-18-0
 and unto Sd Fitch to collect - £ 4-10-1
 £ 8-8-1

The Over plus in the Sd Maxwell's
 Province rate list is - £ 0-2-8
 Committed, of the Town rate unto the
 Sd Maxwell to Collect, over & above his
 part of the County Tax, as above said - £ 61-18-6 1/2
 £ 62-1-2 1/2
 Committed, also to the Sd David Fitch
 to Collect, of the Town rate, besides his
 part of the County Tax - £ 76-19-4 1/2

The Arrears of the Highways rate for the year 1772
 for Hugh Maxwell Comptroller to Collect, are - £ 7-2-1-2
 and for David Fitch Comptroller to Collect - 0-9-9-2

January 15th 1774 the Town Treasurer Paid the Rev^d M^r Penniman
 for Boarding M^r Hancock & Broome a receipt from him £ 2-12-0
 April 26th 1773 the Town Treasurer Paid m^r Menot of Concord
 Seven pounds in full for Preaching as appeared by
 a Receipt from him £ 7-0-0
 March 4th 1774 Thomas Paye for service as Treasurer 0-12-0

1773. Green book year 1773,
Decem^r 1772 The Rev^d M^r Joseph Penniman for his ^{L-S-d} salary & half his settlement. } 133-6-8x
February 26th Tho. Page for service as read^r }
Boarding M^r Penniman & his home 8 weeks } 3-7-4x
& 2 days after the 4th of March 1771-26/
22-9-4 keeping prison 3 Sabbaths 61-
Feb^r 26. Henry Maxwell for Increase Wyman
rates abated X 11-4-2
Timothy Page Ditto X 3-8-1
April 14 To pay M^r Hancock for keeping school X 5 2 7
August 27 Oliver Reed to pay Sarah Danforth for keeping school X 1 8 0
Nathaniel Merriam for Boarding Sarah Danforth X 1 4 3
Dec 24 Timothy Page for Joseph Perry & Nathaniel Todd Rates abated 1 7 X
Febr 21 Tim. Jones for Thomas Noonan & others Rates abated X 1 13 0
David Fitch for keeping one night & conveying in to Belknap two ^{Persons} 4 6
Orders to Hugh Maxwell Constable.
1773 February 19th John Reed Esq^r for Service. 1-1-10 X
Ditto. David Bacon for ringing the bell &c 1-1-4 X
26th James Wilson for his rate to the ministers ^{abated} 4-3-
26th Rev. Davis for service as Clerk, abate for Com^{tee} abt. July 3-3-11 X
26th Fereh. Fitch for Entertainment - 0-2-7 X
1773 April 14 to John Reed for wood for the school 0 15 0 X
27 August Job Lane for his Daughter keeping school & board ^{ing} 2 11 7 X

Orders to David Fitch Constable.
1773 February 19th Jonathan Willson for Service 11-3-+
26th Henry Danforth for Entertainment. 1-9 X
August 27 John Webber for Boarding & paying ^{for keeping school} Juliana Tappet 2 12 3 X
John Page for Boarding Mary Winn at school mistress 1 1 7 X
Jonathan Willson for to pay Mary Winn for ^{School} keeping 1 10 0 X
June 1774 W^m Josiah Upton for mending of ^{Page} Joneys of the 0 2 0 X

At a General Meeting of the freeholders & other Volable
Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the fifth Day of
November AD 1773 the following Votes were Passed Viz.
M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator

- 1st Act To know how much money the Town will Grant to
Defray the Charges thereof this Present year. Voted £10-0-0
- 2nd Act To know in what method the Town will Proceed relating
to the School. Voted to Use for a School £20-0-0
Voted to have a writing School three Month, kept in the
School house, after that women's School, as Usual.
Samuel Lane Jun^r Stephen Mead, Samuel Davis Josiah
Upton & Timothy Page a Committee to Provide a
School agreeable hereto
- 3rd Act To know what the town will Do with^{the} money that ~~was~~
yet remains which was to have been Laid out Last
year for a writing School. Voted it into the Treasurers
- 4th Act To know whether the town has a mind to bring in &
Estublish any New Version for the Use of the Congrega-
tion in the time of Publick worship - and if they
are then to know whose Version. Voted to Bring in
Doct Wates is Version for the Present.
- 5th Act To know if the town will appoint one or more Sents in
the meeting house for the Use of the Singers.
Voted to have M^{rs} Jeremiah Fildes & James Wright
Sett in the fore Sent in the front Gallery as they are
appointed to Begin the Psalm. or Tune.

At a General Meeting of the Freeholders & other Volable Inhabitants of the Town of Bedford on the first Day of March 1773. the Following Voles were Passed Viz

M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator and Sworn
M^r Timothy Lane Chosen Grand Juror

1st Art To Choose Town Officers for the Ensuiny year

Select men	{ John Reed Joseph Hartwell John Moore Jonathan Willson Moses Abbott }	Sworn Uperson	Titling men { Ebenezer Page } Sworn
			{ David Page }
			Hogreaves { Josiah Upton } Sworn
			{ David Bacon }
Town Clerk John Reed - Sworn			Field Drivers { Josiah Upton } Sworn
Town Treas ^r Thomas Page - Sworn			{ Wm Page }
Constables	{ James Wright North Side William Meriam South Side }	Sworn	Sealer of Weights & Measures { Benj Bacon Jun ^r - Sworn
Wardens	{ Joseph Convars Timothy Page }	Sworn	Sealer of Leather for Fitch Jun ^r - Sworn
Surveyors of Shingles &c	{ John Webber - Sworn		Dear weavers { Josiah Upton } Sworn
			{ Timothy Page }
Surveyors of High ways	{ Moses Abbott John Webber Steph ^r Hartwell Ebenzer Davis Jeremiah Fitch Jun ^r }	Sworn	Penal Viewers { Jonathan Willson } Sworn
			{ Ebenezer Page }

- 2nd Art To know whether the Swine shall go at Large under the Regulation of the Law this Present year, Voted in the affirmative
- 3rd Art To know how much money the Town will grant to Repair the Highways this Present year, Voted thirty Pounds
- 4th Art To know in what Method the Town will proceed in repairing the Highways, Voted to proceed in the usual Method
- 5th Art To see if the Town will make some addition to the width of the Causeway & bridge at Willsons mill (So Called) and if they will then in what manner, Voted in the Negative
- 6th Art To see if the Town will allow Mes^{rs} Zeph^r Fitch Ebenzer Davis & David Dullen to work out their Highway rate for the last year (or so much as is not yet paid) on the Highways this Present year according to the method the Town shall prescribe Voted in the affirmative

7th Art To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Examine into the Circumstances of Exchanging the way by Land of William Meriam Next to Oliver Reed's house. Voted in the Affirmative and Choose Mess^{rs} John Waller Stephen Hartwell & Zeb^h Fitch a Committee for that Purpose.

8th Art To See if the Town ^{will} Concur with the town of Boston in their Sentiments Relative to the State of the Colonists as to their Rights and Liberties &c and make return thereof as requested.

Voted to Choose a Committee of Seven men to take this Article Under Consideration and report thereon at the Next town meeting Viz Deacon Stephen Davis John Reed John Webber Do^r Joseph Ballard John Moore Joseph Hartwell and Hugh Maxwell.

At a General Town Meeting Legally Assembled on the Twenty first Day ^{of May} A^D 1773 the following Articles were Confirmed

Art To See if the Town will Elect & Depute a Good & Lawful Person to Serve for & Represent them at the Great and General Court this Present year. Voted in the Negative

M^r Joseph Hartwell Chosen Moderator

The Committee Chosen at the Last town meeting to Examine into the Circumstances of Exchanging the way by Land of William Meriam, next to Oliver Reed's house, Reported that they thought it best for the town not to do any thing about the Exchanging of it, whereupon the town Voted to Dismiss the Article. ^{at 3^o of the Clock in the afternoon} then the Meeting was adjourned to the 31 Day of May Current to hear the Report of a Committee agreeable to the Eighth Article of the Last Annual Meeting.

Personal Number	Real	Polls	The North List
30	16	2	Francis Wilson
04	02	1	William Wilson
27	16	2	Walter Wilson
19	011	2	Oliver Wilson
092	062	1	Isaac Wilson
392	192	2	Geo. Wilson
41	18	1	Christopher Wilson
35	17	1	Geo. John Wilson
55	22	2	Geo. Nathaniel Wilson
402	132	1	Geo. Nathaniel Wilson
122	0102	1	John Wilson
682	302	2	Hugh Wilson
10	011	1	Timothy Wilson
252	14	1	John Wilson
302	17	1	John Wilson
312	172	1	Job Wilson
93	311	2	James Wilson
012	312	1	Geo. John Wilson
64	23	2	Geo. Job Wilson
32	12	1	Benjamin Wilson
352	122	1	Timothy Wilson
392	172	1	Benjamin Wilson
182	0112	1	Jonathan Wilson
12	06	1	Joseph Wilson
47	111	2	Jeremiah Wilson
57	22	1	Benjamin Wilson
022	022	1	Benjamin Wilson
212	0102	1	Benjamin Wilson
110	011	1	Benjamin Wilson
35	12	1	John Wilson
312	102	1	James Wilson
41	15	1	James Wilson
302	132	1	Thomas Wilson
2112	132	1	John Wilson
292	142	2	Michael Wilson
302	132	1	Benjamin Wilson
342	092	2	Joseph Wilson
3112	202	2	Geo. Wilson

Sum total of this list is £5-1-0 & / Pells 41

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Isaac Putnam {
 Richard Whetstone {
 Nathaniel Southgate {
 assessors
 John Whitmore {

A list of the Solls, Real, and Personal Estate of the Town
 of Boston, taken & returned 15th 1748 by the Assessors thereof

Real			Personal		
Isaac Putnam	1	0 9	0 5 2	1	2 1 2
Stephen Davis	1	2 7	2 2 1 2	4	9 1 2
Joseph Davis	1	3 10	1 10	5	8 1 2
William Tann	0	0 0	0 3	0	3 1 2
William Davis	0	2 3	1 1	3	4 1 2
James Dodson	1	0 0	0 1 1 2	0	1 1 2
Rev. Joseph Smith	2	1 10	1 5	3	3 1 2
Zachariah Smith	1	2 0	1 4	3	4 1 2
Peter Smith	1	0 3	0 5	0	4 1 2
John Smith	2	2 11	1 9 1 2	4	8 1 2
Stephen Heartwell	1	4 3 1 2	1 10	6	1 1 2
Joseph Heartwell	1	4 9 1 2	2 5	7	2 1 2
Henry Herrington	1	1 4	1 1	2	5 1 2
David Heartwell	0	0 0	0 5 1 2	0	5 1 2
William Hastings	1	0 6	0 7	1	1 1 2
William Heartwell	0	1 3	0 5	1	5 1 2
Samuel Heartwell	1	1 1	0 5 1 2	1	6 1 2
John Heartwell	1	8 0	2 3	5	3 1 2
Nathaniel Heartwell	1	1 0	0 8 1 2	1	3 1 2
John Heartwell	3	5 5	2 1 1 2	7	6 1 2
Joseph Heartwell	1	1 6	1 1 1 2	2	7 1 2
David Heartwell	2	2 5	1 1	3	6 1 2
William Heartwell	1	1 6	1 2	2	8 1 2
James Heartwell	1	0 0	0 4	0	4 1 2
David Heartwell	3	2 9	1 8	4	5 1 2
Thomas Heartwell	2	2 6	1 7	4	1 1 2
Jonathan Heartwell	1	2 5	1 3 1 2	3	8 1 2
Amos Heartwell	1	2 3	0 2	2	5 1 2
Richard Heartwell	1	1 5	1 1 1 2	2	6 1 2

Joseph Bacon	5	12	10	2	10	9	1
Edward Davis	5	6	2	2	8	8	5
Stephen Davis	5	17	0	3	0	9	8
Joseph Davis	5	15	4	2	11	9	4
James Bolton	2	7	10	1	3	2	7
Susanna Dean	0	5	0	0	2	0	6
Peter Fraser	2	15	4	1	5	3	4
John Fraser	6	12	0	3	4	11	0
Joseph Fitch	7	5	4	3	8	10	2
Isaac Fitch	5	9	6	2	9	8	9
Stephen Hartwell	4	1	2	3	7	14	0
Joseph Hartwell	10	19	0	5	6	15	6
Henry Harrington	6	7	0	3	3	10	6
Mary Merriam	1	13	4	0	9	3	4
Samuel Merriam	3	12	10	1	10	5	2
John Merriam	7	0	4	3	7	11	11
Abraham Merriam	3	7	10	1	9	4	7
Henry Merriam	2	2	0	1	1	2	0
John Moore	11	19	0	6	0	19	6
Joseph Needs	4	10	4	2	3	7	0
Wes Fitch	5	0		0	1	6	
Paul Rament	7	9	10	3	10	10	10
William Rament	2	17	4	1	5	3	6
David Taylor	11	4	4	5	8	15	10
Thomas Woley	8	2	4	4	1	11	10
Jonathan Woley	5	6	2	2	9	8	6
Samuel Woley	5	3	8	2	7	8	2
Richard Wheller	4	14	6	2	5	7	3
William Hastings	3	11	2	2	4	4	0
James Perkins	2	7	10	1	3	2	7
John Robinson	4	4	6	2	2	3	
Joseph Wilson	2	2	0	1	1	2	0
Thomas Woley	2	2		1	1	2	0
Edward Stephens	2	2		1	1	2	0
Wesley Hartwell	9	2		3		0	11
Walter Poulter	2	12	0	4		3	0
Samuel White	2	2	0	1		2	0
Joseph Hartwell	2	2		1		2	0

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for James Wright Confable to Collect are 0-4-2-

and for Samuel Davis Constable to Collect 0 6 2-1

Isaac Putnam {
Assessor {

Debit	Credit	Balance
100 00		100 00
100 00		200 00
100 00		300 00
100 00		400 00
100 00		500 00
100 00		600 00
100 00		700 00
100 00		800 00
100 00		900 00
100 00		1000 00
100 00		1100 00
100 00		1200 00
100 00		1300 00
100 00		1400 00
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03	13	4
07	13	4
13	7	8
18	9	4

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Orders to the Treasurer 1773-4

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the Rev Mr Joseph Penniman for his Salary

X 66 13 4

April 28 Joseph Mason for keeping School

X 5 13 4

Sept 5 James Wright for Serving as Constable and moving Jeremiah Johnson

X 0 18 0

Oct 10 Stephen Mead to pay Lydia Loring for keeping School

X 1 7 9 2

Nov 7 Timothy Page to pay Susanna Page for keeping School

X 2 11 7 2

Orders to William Meriam 1774

March 3 Joseph Hartwell for Boarding Goodals wife & service as ^{order} ~~appt~~

X 2 8 5

John Moore for Service as Lifer for &c

X 0 5 7

David Bacon for Ringing the Bell &c

X 0 19 5

John Reed for Service as Lifer for Town Clerk

X 2 16 4

a New Book & Survey

X 0 12 1

Jeremiah For Entertainment

X 2 11 7

Sept 29 Samuel Davis to pay Sarah Lane for keeping School

X 0 11 7

Joseph Hartwell for Boarding a School Master

X 0 12 0

Joseph Conover Ditto

County and Wood Rats for the year 1747

John	County	Wood
Ober Abbott	7 17 4	4 0 11 4
George Bacon	9 16 10	5 0 11 1
Bene Bacon	5 9 6	2 9 8 9
John Bacon	4 17 0	2 5 7 6
Mical Bacon	7 2 4	4 6 9 10
Thomas Bacon	5 4 4	3 5 7 10
James Boman	6 6 2	3 2 10 5
James Chambers	5 12 0	2 10 9 0
John Corbit	5 17 0	2 11 9 6
Samuel Duten	3 18 8	2 0 5 10
George Hassett	2 19 6	1 6 3 11
Bene Fitch	6 16 2	3 6 11 5
Jeremiah Fitch	8 16 6	4 6 13 3
Jonathan Gurns	3 17 0	2 0 5 6
Bene Hutchinson	6 0 4	3 0 9 10
Samuel Hartwell	5 7 10	2 9 8 7
Bene Heider	5 2 0	2 7 8 0
Ben Hobdane	10 3 2	5 2 15 11
Ed John Dane	4 2 10	4 1 14 1
Cap James Dane	13 12 4	6 10 1 2 10
Job Dane pur	7 14 6	3 11 13 3
Job Dane ters	4 13 4	2 5 7 2
John Dane ters	5 1 2	2 7 7 11
John Dane ters	3 17 10	2 0 5 7
Samuel Dane	2 15 4	1 5 3 4
Hug Maxwell	10 16 6	5 6 17 3
Co Nathaniel Range	5 12 10	2 11 9 1
Co Nathaniel Range	9 16 6	5 2 15 3
Co John Range	5 12 10	2 11 9 1
Cheristophor Range	5 4 8	2 9 4 8
Gravel Putnam	10 1 10	5 1 13 7
Gravel Putnam	2 9 6	1 3 2 9
James Willson	2 19 6	1 6 3 9
Ernester Willson	2 12 10	1 4 3 1
Oleaver Potters	6 0 8	3 1 7 8
Walter Potters	6 9 10	3 4 8 7
William Junons	3 12 0	1 10 5 0

Orders to James Wright 1774

March 8	Moses Abbott for Service as a peepor moving summer	X 1 2 1
	Jonathan Willson for Service as a peepor &c	X 0 7 9
12	Thomas Page over Paid as Treasurer	X 3 9 1 2
April 28	Perrotty Page for Boarding M ^r Mason & wood for the school	X 3 19 5 2
Sept 5	Samuel Lane for to pay Sarah Danforth for keeping school	X 1 8 10
	John Lane for Boarding Sarah Danforth	X 1 2 9 2

Orders to the Treasurer 1774-5

December 1	To pay the Rev M ^r Peaniman his Salary	66 13 4
Feb 23	James Wright for Thomas Gyleson Sals abated	X 0 5 6
1775 Feb 26	James Wright for paying School master, and boarding	X 1 4 8
1776 Feb 7 th	Jeremiah Rea for keeping & providing for Amos Goodell's wife, In full to this time.	X 1 4 4 1/4

Dols		Real		Dols		Real	
Sary Hartwell	0 0	0 0	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10	1 10
William Adams	8 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	8 4	0 0	8 4
Walter Powers	8 4	0 8	1 4	10 4	8 4	0 0	8 4
Samuel Whitaker	4 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	8 4	0 0	8 4
Joseph Hartwell	4 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	8 4	0 0	8 4
Leahy Ten							
Joseph Frost	5 4	5 4	7 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
William Evans	7 0	0 0	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Concord	0 0	0 0	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Benjamin Barton	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Thomas Frost	3 4	1 4	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Elzer Hagg	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Samuel Fisher	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	3 4	1 4	1 4
David Hore	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Stephen Hartwell	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Samuel Minot	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Ruth Hartwell	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
John Jones Junr	1 8	1 8	1 8	1 8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Joseph Meriam	1 0	1 0	1 0	1 0	3 4	1 4	1 4
Elzevir Meriam	10	10	10	10	3 4	1 4	1 4
Elzevir Meriam	10	10	10	10	3 4	1 4	1 4
Joseph Taylor	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	3 4	1 4	1 4
Timothy Whallor	2 0	2 0	2 0	2 0	3 4	1 4	1 4
John Whallor	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Samuel Whallor	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Joseph Whallor	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
William Meriam	8	8	8	8	3 4	1 4	1 4
Samuel Meriam	1 4	1 4	1 4	1 4	3 4	1 4	1 4
Elzevir Taylor	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 0	3 4	1 4	1 4
Isaac Taylor	1 8	1 8	1 8	1 8	3 4	1 4	1 4

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Personal Summation

Orders to Mr Wright 1775

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Feb. 23	Samuel Fletcher for his Poll abated for 4 year 1773 to 4 th date	X 0 5 6
March 2	John Webber for Summe as Treasurer of Peramb ^l Wehusa Line	
	1/4 Expenses at the County Congress 2/6	X 0 11 10
	Samuel Lane for Service as Overseer. Peramb ^l & mending the ^{house} meeting ^{3/9}	X 12 7
Aprill	Doctor Ballard for attending the Congress ⁵² for Entering Goodell's ^{3/9}	X 15 9
June 6 th 1775	Jeremiah Rea for keeping Amos Goodell's wife after the 14 th of March last, when he applied for help. — paid —	X 12 —
August 4 th	David Page for 3 1/2 cords of wood for the last School —	X 1 1 2
Feb. 28 th 1776	Oliver Pollard for Glafs for the School House and mending the pound &c —	14 6

Orders to Samuel Davis 1775

Feb 13	Deacon Davis Expenses at the County Congress	0 2 6 +
	Nathaniel Meriam for Boarding Goodell's wife 12 weeks	0 14 0 +
March 2	Jeremiah Fitch for Entertainment	X 0 8 9
	Joseph Hartwell for Service as Overseer. Peramb ^l . Paying Stephen Hartwell & Stephen Needs for Peramb ^l Expenses at the County Congress	1 4 8 +
	Samuel Lane for Service as Overseer Peramb^l & mending the meeting	0 12 7
	Ebenezer Page for Perambulating Lexington Line	X 0 1 8
	David Bacon for Ringing the Bell. Sweeping the meeting house	0 17 4 +
	John Reed for Service as town Clerk & proper and Expenses at the County & Provincial Congress & Lardress	X 3 4 11
Oct. 26	Eliazar Davis for the School mistress and Boarding ^{in 1775}	2 8 6 1/2 +
1776	Stephen Davis for his Daughters & keeping School in 1775	1 7 10 1/2 +
January 24	Stephen Needs for boarding the School mistress	1 1 4 +
Do	Benjamin Bacon for the School mistress	1 7 2 1/2 +
	Samr Joseph Hartwell an order Dated Feb. 9 28 th 1776	1 4 8 +
	Not minuted	

Dots
 Root
 personal
 furniture

Joseph Bacon	8 4	8 0	6 2	1 2 6
Elizabeth Davis	8 4	9 0	3 10	1 1 2
Stephen Davis	8 4	10 4	4 8	1 3 4
Joseph Davis	8 4	9 4	5 4	1 3 0
James Dobson	8 4	0 0	1 2	0 9 6
Juwana Dore	0 0	0 0	1 0	0 1 0
Peter Janet	8 4	1 0	1 8	0 11 0
John Janet	8 4	11 8	6 4	1 6 4
Mr Joseph Hitch	16 8	7 4	5 0	1 9 0
Zeariah Hitch	8 4	8 0	5 6	1 1 10
Stephen Hartwell	8 4	17 2	6 8	1 12 2
Joseph Hartwell	16 8	19 2	7 10	2 3 8
Henry Herington	8 4	11 4	5 8	1 5 4
Mary Merriam	0 0	5 0	1 8	0 6 8
James Merriam	8 4	4 4	1 10	0 14 6
John Merriam	8 4	12 0	7 8	1 8 0
Abraham Merriam	8 4	4 0	1 2	0 13 6
Amos Merriam	8 4	0 0		0 8 4
John Moore	16 8	11 0	10 0	2 7 8
Joseph Meets	8 4	6 0	3 8	0 18 0
Wes Hitch	0	0	1 0	0 1 0
Let Paul Rament	16 8	9 8	3 6	1 9 10
William Rament	8 4	0 0	3 0	0 11 4
David Taylor	1 5 0	11 0	8 8	2 4 8
Thomas Holley	16 8	10 0	5 8	1 12 4
Jonathan Holley	8 4	9 8	3 2	1 1 2
Samuel Holley	8 4	9 0	3 4	1 0 8
Richard Heller	8 4	5 8	4 10	0 18 8
William Hartung	8 4	2 0	3 10	0 14 2
James Rankens	8 4	0 0	1 2	0 9 6
John Robinson	8 4	6 0	2 6	0 16 10
Joseph Wilson	8 4	0	0	0 8 4
Thomas Holley	8 4	0	0	8 4
Robert Stephens	8 4	0	0	0 8 4
				33 11 8

1775

An Account of the Rates for the year 1775.
 Bedford's Proportion to 46,000 $\frac{1}{100}$ of the Pro. Tax $\pounds 113-7-1$
 Committed of the Province Tax, unto Stephen
 Hartwell Junr. Constable, to Collect $\pounds 50-15-10\frac{1}{2}$
 and unto John Lane & B^d Constable, to Collect $\pounds 62-11-2\frac{1}{2}$
 $\pounds 113-7-1$

There is over-plus in the p. John Lane's Province
 List $\pounds 2-3-10\frac{1}{2}$
 The Town Rate Committed unto the p. John to Collect is $50-11-7$
 $\pounds 52-15-5\frac{1}{2}$
 The Town Rate Committed unto the p. Stephen
 Hartwell to Collect is $\pounds 39-13-11$

An Account of the Rates for the year 1776
 Bedford's Proportion to 109,231 $\frac{1}{100}$ of the Province Tax is $241-6-2$
 Committed of the Province Tax, unto Timothy Johnson
 Constable to Collect $\pounds 129-15-10$
 and unto Abel Bowman Constable to Collect $111-10-4$
 $\pounds 241-6-2$

Committed unto Timothy Johnson, as County Rate $2-15-11$
 And unto the p. Abel Bowman Constable to Collect $2-10-$
 $\pounds 5-5-11$

The Town Rates committed unto the said
 Timothy Johnson, as to Collect $\pounds 63-15-1-1$
 Town Rates committed to Abel Bowman to Collect $54-11-9-3$
 There is two Shillings & Sixpence over-run in the Province
 Rate which is added into the Town Rates Equally

Committed unto Timothy Johnson, as Constable
 to Collect the Soldier Rate $\pounds 289-16-7-8$
 And unto Abel Bowman Constable to Collect $2-13-1-11$

Committed unto Timothy Johnson, as Constable to Collect
 The arrears of the High Way Rate $13-7-1$
 And unto Abel Bowman Constable to Collect
 The arrears of the High Way Rate $1-7-5-1$

M^r John Webber Town Treasurer Charged
in page 277. the sum of. ———— £ 240 = 18 = 3 = 3 1/2

Jan^y 16th 1776 M^r John Webber Treas^r or Succesor Ordered
to receive of Stephen Hartwell for Constable — £ 39 = 18 = 11.
and of John Lane y^e 3^d Constable. — — — — — 52 = 15 = 5 1/2
It being committed unto them Respectively to collect —
and also of the y^e John Lane the sum of fourteen shillings
being part for his turn as Constable. — — — — — £ 0 = 14 = 0

Feb^y 28th 1776. The y^e Treasurer Charged for a Note from
Josiah Davis, of this Date, of Five pounds ten shillings
and nine pence, on Interest, being Due to the Estate of
Edward Stearn Deceased. — — — — — £ 5 = 10 = 9

March y^e 8th 1776 ————— £ 339 = 7 = 5 = 1 1/2

M^r William Page Town Treasurer Charged 212 = 12 = 0
Jan^y 18th 1776 William Page Treasurer or Succesor
Ordered to receive of Timothy Johnson for Constable 63 = 15 = 1
and of Abel Bowman Constable 54 = 11 = 9
and of Timothy Johnson for arrears of Highway rate 00 = 12 = 9
and of Abel Bowman (arrears of Highway rate 01 = 7 = 3
and of Timothy Johnson for arrears for hiring
there at several times 249 = 16 = 7
and of Abel Bowman 45 = 11 = 0

November 29th 1777
M^r William Page Treas^r or Succesor ordered to
Receive of William Page Constable . . . 266 = 9 = 6
and of John Bacon Constable 291 = 17 = 2
It being committed unto them Respectively to collect
and of William Page arrears of highways — 5 = 3 = 2
and of John Bacon arrears of highways — 1 = 12 = 3

March y^e 9th 1778 William Page Treasurer or Succesor Charged
With the bill of 7 guns & 4 gun Loks, at a bandue 44 = 14 = —

May y^e 30th 1778 William Page Town Treasurer or Succesor
Ordered to receive of Oliver Pollard for Constable 40 = 19 = 5
and of Samuel Bacon Constable 35 = 14 = 5

William Page Town Treasurer or Succesor charged with
the bill of William Pollard's Real Estate viz 12 pounds in
cash and one Note of hand on Demand with Interest 6 11
paid for one hundred pounds Dated y^e 12 Day of May 1778 112 = 0 = 0
William Page charged with this overplus in y^e State Hall committed 5 = 15 = 0
unto Oliver Pollard for Dated July 29th 1778 3 = 0 = 0
and unto Samuel Bacon committed over Plus in y^e State Hall 2 = 15 = 0
Dated July 29th 1778 William Page charged with the overplus of money
in collect. by subscription, for the voluntary school 16 = 78 = 1

of the revenue due for the year 1747

Real personal Sum total

16 8	7 8	7 0	1 10 4	Old Alcott
1 5 0	10 4	3 10	1 19 2	Isiah Bacon
8 4	7 0	6 6	1 11 0	Ben Bacon
8 4	6 8	4 4	0 19 4	John Bacon
16 8	5 8	6 0	1 8 4	Mual Bacon
8 4	7 0	4 8	1 0 0	Thomas Bacon
8 4	10 8	6 2	1 5 2	Jonas Bacon
8 4	8 4	5 8	1 2 4	Jams Chambers
8 4	8 4	6 8	1 3 4	John Condit
8 4	3 8	3 8	0 15 8	Samuel Dutton
8 4	1 8	1 10	0 11 10	Joseph Fasset
8 4	13 0	5 8	1 7 0	Bonia Fitch
16 8	10 8	7 10	1 15 2	Jenniah Fitch
8 4	3 0	4 0	0 15 4	Jonathan Grims
8 4	8 8	6 4	1 3 4	Bonia Hutchinson
8 4	9 0	4 2	1 1 6	Truching Hartwell
8 4	8 0	4 2	1 0 6	Bonia Kider
16 8	16 4	7 6	2 0 6	Re Job Lane
8 4	12 0	13 6	1 13 10	Cal John Lane
16 8	1 1 4	16 4	2 14 4	Con Jams Lane
8 4	9 4	13 2	1 10 10	Job Lane
8 4	4 6	5 10	0 18 8	Job Lane
8 4	5 10	6 0	1 0 2	John Lane
8 4	4 6	2 8	0 15 6	John Lane
8 4	0 4	2 4	0 11 0	Truching Lane
16 8	12 8	13 10	2 3 2	Hag Mastwell
8 4	11 0	3 2	1 2 6	Cal May Lane
16 8	13 0	9 6	1 19 2	Cor Nath Lane
8 4	7 4	6 10	1 2 8	Cor John Lane
8 4	7 4	6 0	1 1 8	Tristhor Lane
1 5 0	9 0	6 2	2 0 2	Cor great Putnam
8 4	0 0	1 6	0 9 10	great Putnam
4 4	2 0	1 6	0 11 10	Jams Willson

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John Whitmore
John Lane
Peter Wharton
Bony Hutchinson
Assessors

Concord Non Residents	4	8	0	4
Benjamin Barran	11	8	0	10
Charles Flagg	4	8	0	4
Samuel Fletcher	3	6	0	3
Daniel Moore	2	4	0	2
Cyprus Hatfield	2	4	0	2
Samuel Munnat	2	4	0	2
Ruth Hatfield	4	8	0	4
John Jones Jr	5	10	0	5
Joseph Mooram	3	6	0	3
Eleazer Mooram	2	11	0	3
Eleazer Mooram	2	11	0	3
Joseph Taylor	7	0	0	6
Isaac Taylor	5	10	0	5
Benzer Taylor	10	6	0	9
Samothy Wheeler	7	0	0	6
John Wheeler	2	4	0	2
Samuel Woley	2	4	0	2
Joseph Woley	4	8	0	4
Chatham Merwin	2	4	0	2
Samuel Merwin	4	8	0	4
Leffington non Residents	16	4	1	2
Joseph Grant	16	4	1	2
William Grimes	1	4	6	1

Joseph Fitch	4 16 4	4 10	6 0
Zachariah Fitch	3 13 10	4 3	4 10
Wm Fitch	1 2	1	1
Sarah Hartwell	1 2 9	1 6	1 8
Stephen Hartwell	5 14 5	6 2	8 4
Joseph Hartwell	4 19 6	6 1	6 8
Henry Herington	4 10 9	5 6	6 1
Wm Hiram	1 1 7	1 7	1 7
Samuel Hiram	2 12 10	2 9	3 4
John Hiram	5 1 3	6 3	6 10
Esthward Hiram	2 3 6	2 1	2 4
Stos Hiram	1 6 0	0 10	6 5
John Moore	7 10 7	8 9	9 11
Joseph Hurd	2 18 1	3 2	3 9
Walter Jover	6 5	0 6	0 6
William Raymond	3 13 10	4 3	4 10
David Taylor	7 3 4	7 2	8 11
Thomas Woley	3 9 2	3 11	4 6
Jonathan Woley	3 9 2	3 11	4 6
Samuel Woley	2 19 10	3 3	3 10
Richard Wheeler	3 3 4	3 6	4 1
William Hastings	1 15 11	1 7	2 2
Benjamin Cotton	1 4 6	1 10	1 10
James Willson	2 14 0	2 10	3 5
Peter Fasset	1 13 4	1 6	2 1
James Rankens	1 10 1	1 2	1 9
John Reddison	1 10 1	1 2	1 9
Edward Stephens	1 6 0	0 10	1 5
Thomas Woley	1 6	0 10	1 5
Joac Brooks	1 8 4	1 0	1 7
Benjamin Mills	1 6 0	0 10	1 5
Benjamin Howard	1 6 0	0 10	1 5

61 Orders to the Treasurer, for the year 1776. - 40
 January - To the Hon. Mr. Joseph Penniman - 166:13:4
 Feb. 28 John Webber, for Josiah Davis's Note on Acc^t of Edward Stevens Deced^t, being Discharged } 7-0-3

1776 Orders to John Lane of 3rd. - Constable
 Feb. 19th Reuben Duren, for making a Bell wheel, and mending of Meeting House window 91/1 Boarding the School-mistress in the year 1775 20/6 } 5-11-6+
 Feb. 28th Moses Abbott for 23 feet of wood for Wm. Pelham 1-3-0+
 David Page for the School mistress, and boarding - 2-8-6 1/2+
 Samuel Lane for Service as Assessor - 7-3+
 John Webber, for Service, as Treas^r of Assessor 1/2 Exp^t 3/1 - 14-3+
 Moses Abbott for paying the school master and land June the 6th 1776 - 1-0+
 July the 1st 1776 Samuel Hardy for bringing the Bell - 2-18-0+

1776 Orders to Stephen Harlowell Jun^r Constable
 Feb. 19th Josiah Davis for going to Jer^y Kent's on Acc^t of Goodell's wife 3-0+
 28th John Reed Esq^r for attending the Congress 18 Days - 3-8-0+
 Cap. John Morn for Service as Assessor - 2-5+
 Eben^r Page for Service as Assessor 9/11 May 24/6 - 1-14-5+
 Stephen Davis, for Service as Clerk, Assessor, going to Flow 2-2-3+
 Wm. Meriam for Lem^t Wheeler's Rate abated 5/6 Ed^t Flint's 9/9 1/4 - 6-3 1/4+
 Jeremiah Fitch Jun^r for Entertainment - 11-0+
 Sam. Davis Const^{ble} for warning Town meeting, and Officer N. Side 2-8+
 Joseph Harlowell, for Sundaries for Edward Stevens Dec^r 1-4-3+
 19 William Meriam, for keeping the Shole - 2-18-1+

Joseph Sutton	6 8 9	6 1	7 11
Israel Sutton	1 11 3	1 3	1 10
John Hartwell	2 5 10	2 3	2 10
Oliver Potter	3 15 4	3 4	4 6
Walter Potter	4 0 0	3 8	4 10
James Wilson	4 12 3	4 7	5 9
Samuel Wilson	4 15 2	4 9	5 11
Joseph Wilson	1 10 8	1 2	1 9
William Fennell	2 7 0	2 4	2 11
John Whitmore	5 3 0	6 4	6 11
John Mansfield	1 18 10	1 9	2 4
Samuel Bacon	1 6 0	0 10	1 5
Benjamin Simonds	1 9 6	1 1	1 8
William Bellam	1 9 8	1 1	1 8
Timothy Lane	1 15 11	1 7	2 2
Benjamin Hutchinson	1 6 0	0 10	1 5
Jonathan Abbott	1 6	0 10	1 5
Samuel Whitcor	1 6	0 10	1 9
Arneator Dandley	1 7 9	1 0	1 7
William Don Rescent			
Joseph Hill	2 4	0 2	
Samuel Hill	2 4	0 2	
Abraham Jaguith	4 8	0 4	
Mr William Crosby	5 10	0 5	
Mathan Hutchinson	8 2	0 7	
Joseph Bacon	3 18 6	4 7	5 2
Eliaser Davis	3 16 9	4 6	4 1
Stephen Davis	3 16 9	4 6	4 1
Josiah Davis	4 0 3	4 9	5 4
Robert Davidson	1 14 9	1 6	2 1
John Bassett	4 13 1	5 9	6 3
Benjamin Hassett	1 6 0	0 10	1 5

M^r John Webber late Town Treasurer, in reckoning
with the selectmen on the 8th Day of March A^d 1796,

Returned the several persons hereafter named in Debt
to the Town in the Respective Sums set against their
names, as follows, viz.

The Heirs of Matthew Laid Decey'd by his Note	2-13-1
Samuel Whitaker by his Notes	2-12-8
David Patten by his Note	1-1-10-2½
Jesiah Davis by his Note on Acct of Edward Stevens Dec ^d Dated Feb ^y 28 th 1776 on Interest	5-10-9-
Benj ^a Maxwell a late Constable	2-1-0-
David Page a late Constable	4-11-2
David Fitch a late Constable	2-3-1-
Hugh Maxwell a late Constable	2-0-10-
James Wright Constable in 1774	29-8-9
Samuel Davis a late Constable	31-15-2-1
Benj ^a Bacon Jun ^r a late Constable	15-8-
Stephen Hartwell Jun ^r a late Constable	39-13-11
John Laneys 3 rd a late Constable his rates	52-15-5-2
John Laneys 3 rd part of his Turn as Constable	14-
	<u>£173 = 11 = 5 = 3½</u>

The Orders and Notes for the above
mentioned Sums were on ^{the} Day Transmitted
unto m^r W^m Page Town Treasurer.

The ^T Treasurer also Charged for two Receipts
of m^r Penniman Transmitted.

and also for Cash being part of the proceeds of
the sale of Edward Stevens Goods.

and also of the several persons after named
for the ^P Edwards Goods not paid for. viz.

John Lane	6-9
Eleazar Davis { For P. Edwards Service 7/7 for an old Coat 5/6½ }	-13 = 1½
Abijah Bacon	6-8
Jesiah Davis	4-
Timothy Jones	1-0-3
	<u>£212 = 12 = 0 = 0½</u>

Town and County and Wood Taxes for the year 1746
 Asses in old town Bills By the assessors of the town of Bedford

Joseph Hensel	1 14 9	1 6	2 1
Osce Abbott	5 1 0	5 2	6 4
William Bacon	11 8	1 9	2 3
Joshua Bacon	5 12 3	5 6	7 0
Benjamin Bacon	3 5 4	3 4	4 3
Michael Bacon	3 18 8	4 1	5 0
John Bacon	3 3 11	3 7	4 2
Thomas Bacon	2 10 6	2 7	3 2
James Chambers	3 15 0	4 4	4 11
John Corbit	3 17 4	4 6	5 1
Samuel Eaton	2 12 3	2 9	3 4
Joseph Hassel	2 9 11	2 7	3 2
Benjamin Hich	5 11 2	6 11	7 6
Jeremiah Hich	4 1 5	4 10	5 4
Jonathan Hines	2 8 9	2 6	3 1
Benjamin Hutchinson	3 14 6	4 7	5 2
Smithy Hestwell	3 12 8	4 2	4 9
Jonas Boomer	3 15 7	4 5	5 0
Benjamin Kider	3 11 6	4 1	4 8
Robert Lane	7 2 5	8 2	9 4
John Lane Junr	2 14 8	3 2	3 9
John Lane Sr	1 10 1	1 2	1 9
Henry Maxwell	7 10 0	8 8	9 10
William Maxwell	3 17 11	4 7	5 2
Robert Maxwell	6 6 8	7 0	8 2
John Maxwell	3 10 4	4 0	4 7
Christopher Maxwell	3 10 4	4 0	4 7

Concord when Residents	1	0
Benjamin Barron	1	0
Thomas Hoon	2	6
Calver Hagg	1	0
Samuel Fletcher	0	9
by Daniel Moore	0	6
Ephraim Hartwell	0	6
as Samuel Hines	0	6
Ruth Hartwell	1	0
John Jones Junr	1	3
Joseph Merriam	0	9
Ebenezer Merriam	0	7 1/2
Ebenezer Merriam Junr	0	7 1/2
Isaac Taylor	1	3
Ebenezer Taylor	2	3
Joseph Taylor	1	6
Samuel Wheeler	1	6
John Wheeler	0	6
Samuel Worley	0	6
Joseph Worley	1	0
Nathan Merriam	0	6
as Samuel Merriam	1	0
Edwington when Residents	3	6
Joseph Hasset	3	6
William Lynnes	5	3

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Orders To William Page Town Treasurer For 4th year: 1778 (48)
 To Abel Bowman for the hire of David Talor's horse abated £ 0 - 4 - 7 - 3
 25th Ed 1779 To W^m Johnsdon for paying the ~~at~~ schoolmaster's wages
 three weeks 90/ and woman school m^{rs} Balard 120/ & abountly } 1540-0-0
 to gard and take the convention troopers 40/ -
 and three pound for a bounty to go to take m^{rs} -
 March 1779 To M^r Oliver Pollard jun for a tack to the school house } 3 = 12 00
 and work at the bell house & school house bonds & m^{rs} - } 4 0 00
 March 15th To Andrew Hall for ringing the bell for 4 years 1778 - 4 0 00
 15 To J^{os} Jones Bowman for boarding William Pellham 19 = 10 00
 15 To Christolher Page jun for wood card to Pellham 3 = 0 00
 15 To M^{rs} Albot for wood card to Pellham 1 = 8 00
 June 22 To J^{os} Jones Bowman for boarding William Pellham 38 8 00
 October 25 To J^{os} Jones Bowman for boarding William Pellham 46 = 16 00
 January 17th 1780 To J^{os} Jones Bowman for boarding William Pellham 78 = 0 00
 February 14th 1780 To Oliver Pollard jun for 2 luners:
 = Bowman's Rate for 4th year 1778 and 1779 } 4 = 18 00
 Survey of L^d Hill: & Jonathan Hill Sam^l Thorne -
 Highway Rate
 February 28 To Abel Bowman for Irish Ruffet Rate } + 2 = 14 74
 Abated two pound one shilling & -
 Sweet Rate abated 13 = 7 00
 March 6th To M^r Joseph Hawtux for Money he } + 12 00
 advanced to purchase powder -

John Starbuck	63	00	43	0106
Oliver Pollard	126	26	26	176
Walter Pollard	126	29	29	180
Francis Wilson	126	60	2 1/2	1 1 1/2
James Wilson	126	66	33	123
George Wilson	63	06	06	073
John Whitmore	63	69	99	129
John Haspelt	63	09	20	090
Samuel Bacon	63	00	00	63
Benjamin Simonds	63	00	09	70
William Fellam	63	03	06	70
Samuel Lane	63	03	10 1/2	8 4 1/2
Benjamin Hutchinson	63	00	00	63
Jonathan Abbott	63	00	00	63
Samuel Whitson	63	00	00	63
Cornelius Dandley	63	00	0 4 1/2	6 1/2
Billera on Residents				
of Joseph Hill				6
Samuel Hill				6
Abraham Gough				10
William Crosby				13
William Hutchinson				19
Joseph Bacon	63	60	53	0176
Collier Davis	63	69	4 1/2	14 1/2
Stephen Davis	63	79	3 1/2	14 1/2
Joseph Davis	63	70	4 7 1/2	14 10 1/2
Robert Davidson	63	00	1 10 1/2	8 1 1/2
John Hassat	63	89	5 7 1/2	10 7 1/2
Benjamin Hassat	63	00	00	63
Joseph Fitch	126	56	40	120
Zachariah Fitch	63	60	43	166
John Fitch	00	00	3	003

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The Province Tax for the years 1746 \$56:10:2

Assessors of the Town of Boston November the 15/1746			
Joseph Arnold	63	00	110 1/2
Obad Abbott	126	59	49
Nathaniel Bacon	63	26	00
Isiah Bacon	157 1/2	79	24 1/2
Barnum Bacon	63	53	33
Michael Bacon	94 1/2	43	43
John Bacon	63	50	31 1/2
Thomas Bacon	0	29	26
Jamies Chambers	63	63	43
John Corbit	63	63	49
Samuel Butler	63	29	210 1/2
Isiah Frost	63	13	310 1/2
Barnum Fitch	63	99	86
Benjamin Fitch	63	40	310 1/2
Jonathan Gryms	63	20	210 1/2
Benjamin Hutchinson	63	66	49
Timothy Hasted	63	69	33
Jones Bomen	63 60	60	27 1/2
Benjamin Kilder	63	60	39
Job Lane	126	123	71 1/2
John Lane	63	119	11 1/2
Jamies Lane	126	153	129
Job Lane jr	63	70	90
Job Lane ter	63	30	40
John Lane jr	63	40	30
John Lane ter	63	3	7 1/2
Flug Maxwel	126	96	116
Mathew Sarge	63	83	210 1/2
Mathew Sarge	126	99	63
John Sarge	63	56	40
Christopher Sarge	63	56	40
William Simonds	63	23	23
Israel Putman	149	69	41 1/2
Israel Putman	63	1 1/2	00
Total			
			130 1/2

Sept 19th	Abel Bowman	for hiring	7 10 0	
Sept 24th 1777	Zach Fitch	for hiring Soldiers	10 00 0	x
Sept 14th 1777	Richard Wheeler	for hiring Soldiers	10	x
15	Joseph Meads	for hiring Soldiers	5	x
15	Abel Meriam	Dito	5	x
15	Jeremiah Blood	Dito	5	x
15	Benja Bacon	gun Dito	5	x
15	John Meriam	Dito	10	x
15	Stephen Hartwell	gun Dito	8	x
15	Saml Bacon	Dito	8 13	x
15	Saml Meads	Dito	7 11	7 x
15	Saml Davis	Dito	3 18	0 x
15	John Lane	of 30 Dito personal service	14 11	8
15	Jeremiah Fitch	gun for hiring Soldiers	6 13	4 x
15	James Wright	for hiring Soldiers	7 19	x
15	William Day	for hiring Soldiers	7 10	0 x
February 23d 1778	James Wright	for hiring School Master	1 - 10 - 0	+
an order having failed April 4th 1778 last this order in behalf of it to James W., Jr				
March 24 1778	Do m ^r & page	for paying school m ^r	3	0 x
March 29th 1779	for School and Hall Renter Alcock	and what the Town stated	7	10 0 x

1st July 1777	Orders To Timothy Johnson gun constable	For the year 1776	
1777	James Lane gun	for hiring Soldiers	8 4 0 +
	Samuel Lane	Dito	8 5 - +
	Samuel Lane gun	Dito	8 5 - +
	Thomas page	Dito	8 5 0 +
	David page	Dito	5 0 0 +
	John Fitch	Dito	5 - +
	Matthew Fitch	Dito	5 - +
	Oliver pollard gun	Dito	8 5 +
	Michael Bacon	Dito	7 10 +
	Israel putnam	Dito	7 10 0 +
	Israel putnam gun	Dito	1 8 +
	David Lane	Dito	1 7 4 +
	Josiah Lipton	Dito	2 7 4 +
	Jones & Lipton	Dito	4 4 0 +
	Moses Fitch	personal service	7 11 7 +
	Oliver Bacon	Dito	6 12 -
	David Reed	Dito	4 11 -
	Blamon Lane	Dito	9 6 -
	Benj ^m Hutchinson	Dito	10 - +
	David page	Dito	10 - +
	Christo pher page	Dito	10 - +
	Thomas Bacon	Dito	5 - +
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Orders to Timothy Johnson your Constable for the year 1776
 April 7th 1777 To David Fitch for hiring Soldiers — £ 5-0-0
 Jeremiah Fitch for hiring Soldiers — 5-0-0+
 John Lane your for hiring Soldiers — 5-0-0+
 Reuben Duren for hiring Soldiers — 5-0-0+
 Nath^l pay your for hiring Soldiers — 5-0-0+
 David Bacon for hiring Soldiers — 6-0-0+
 James Lane y^r 3^d do to — 6-0-0+

Rates for the year one 1777 State Bill is — £ 568. 10. 10
 State Tax committed unto Oliver Pollard your ^{constable} — £ 297-15-11
 Samuel Bacon constable — 270-14-6
 And all committed unto Oliver Pollard to pay ^{joint total} — £ 568 10 16
 to the Town Treasurers — 5-15-0
 And all committed unto Samuel Bacon to pay to the Town Treasurers — 3-0-0
 The above Rates Dated July 29th 1778

Rates For the year 1777

Province Tax Bill for the year 1777 is £702-17-4

Committed unto William Page a constable to collect
of the province Tax three Hundred Twenty Six pounds
Three Shillings Sevenpence two Farthings — £326-3-7 1/2

And committed unto John Bacon a constable
To collect of the province Tax — £376-13-11 1/2
702-17-7

And also committed unto the sd William Page
To collect of the Town Rate Two hundred Fifty
Eight pounds Six Shillings & Sixpence three Farthings 258-6-4 1/2

And also committed unto the sd William Page Eight
pounds Nine Shillings & Sixpence overrun in the
province Rates to collect — £266-9-6 3/4

And also committed unto John Bacon to collect
of the Town Rates Two hundred & twenty one
pounds Seventeen Shillings two pence two Farthings 299-17-2 1/2

And also committed unto ~~William~~ ^{Samuel} Page to collect
Arriars of High ways — 5-5-1/2

And committed unto John Bacon to collect arriars of high ways 12-3-1/2
State Tax Bill set to the Towns Bedford as their proper
at the sum £54718-16-11 is 568-11-10 viz Dated Apr 27 1778

Committed unto Oliver Pollard Jur a constable to collect £3032-3-1
And committed unto Samuel Bacon a constable to collect 2648-1-3
The Hall sum of the State Tax set to Bedford is 568-11-10

And also committed unto Oliver Pollard Jur to collect
of the Town Rate Dated May 4th 1778 £493-9-1

And to pay to the county Treasurer of the above sum 7-2-1/2
and also to the said Treasurer of the above sum wanting
in this state proportion — and to the Town Treasurer — 42-17-5 1/2

And also committed unto Samuel Bacon Jur a constable to collect
of the Town Rate to collect — 42-17-5 1/2

And to pay to the county Treasurer of the above sum — 7-2-1/2

And to the Town Treasurer of the above sum — 42-17-5 1/2

The Town proportion of the county Tax set to Bedford is 14-2-1/2

Orders To John Bacon Constable for the year 1777 £ S d
 February 26 1778 To Mr. Thomas pag for work at the pound — 2 0 —
 May 26 To Mr. Christopher pag for perambulating the town line — 8 — 8
 26 To Mr. Edward Barnes for repairing & perambulating — 10 0 —
 To Mr. Moses Abbot for a survey and taking of measures — 18 — —
 May 26 To Mr. Samuel Lane for paying of the school miffler — 3 — —
 To Mr. Reuben Dunn work on the meeting house and bell tower — 2 8 6
 October 13 To John Lane for paying for the school miffler — 12 10 0 +
 3 To Nathaniel pag for boarding the school miffler 3 weeks — 3 0 0 +
 5 To Mr. Jones Holman for boarding bell ham — 8 17 10 +

Orders To Oliver Spottard and Constable for the year 1779
 February 27 1779 To Mr. Edward Barnes for services as a justice — 5 3 0 +
 May 4 1779 To the messrs. John Bacon Town Constable to Boston
 with Cpt. Harmon — 12 0 0 +
 May 20 1779 To Simon Parker w. a Towns. House
 for going to Bennington August 1779 — 12 0 0 +
 May 20 To Christopher pag for work at the road stand
 for John Wells & Co. — 42 0 0 +
 May 20 To Christopher pag for John Wells & Co.
 the lines at Cambridge with Cpt. Moore — 11 0 0 0 +
 May 20 To Mr. Hutch for Towns. County to Bennington — 12 0 0 0 +
 May 20 To John Lane for
 May 20 To Israel Putnam for his County to guard the
 Lines at Cambridge for his County to guard the
 Lines at Cambridge with Cpt. Moore — 11 0 0 0 +
 May 20 To Mr. Moses Abbot for his. on John Abbot
 To Gard home of Convention troops & County 11 0 0 0 +
 to Boston with Cpt. Harmon —
 May 20 To John Wells & Co. for shipping & other services — 30 0 0 +
 May 20 To Samuel Lane for Towns. County to Cambridge
 with Cpt. Moore — 11 0 0 0 +
 May 31 To John Bacon for y^e tier of the town
 Bacon to Road Island for beaver in y^e year — 42 0 0 +
 June 7 To Samuel Lane for his man to y^e lines
 at Cambridge with
 the remaining for services to the town book pay

2 Rates for the year 1778

Committed unto Oliver Pollard Junr & Constable to Collect
of the Town & County Rate viz Twelve hundred Fifty pounds

Five (a) eight shillings & Six pence - £ 1250-8-7

And he also Oliver Pollard To pay to the
County Treasurer ought of the above sum } - 9-13-2

To pay to The Town Treasurer £ 1240-15-3

Also committed unto Samuel Bacon a Constable
To collect of the town and County Rate -

viz - Six hundred eleven by three pounds six shillings
& eight pence £ 1073-6-8

Said Saml Bacon to the County Treasurer 8-0-0

and To pay to the Town Treasurer 1065-6-8

The County Rate set To Bedford is Eleven hundred
pounds thirteen shillings & two pence £ 1113-13-2

Also committed to Oliver Pollard Junr Constable
The arrears of y^e high way Rate £ 2-7-2

And committed unto Samuel Bacon a Constable
The arrears of y^e high way £ 4-0-0

Rates for y^e year 1779 & State & Continental Rate

Committed To Oliver Bacon a Constable } - 1162-3-4
5th of June to collect

1779 Also committed unto David Reed Constable 1022-0-0

Sum total of y^e above State & Continental Rate 184-3-4

And also committed to Oliver Bacon the sum of
Eleven hundred three shillings & eight pence } 17-3-8

over running above Rate to collect

Also committed to David Reed, over run in the
above said Rate to collect £ 15-2-7

To each of them respectively to collect & pay in
32-6-3

1779 unto the Town Treasurer

Rates for the year 1779 Bedford: collection of

1779 } Two Million eight hundred thirty seven thousand

four hundred and thirty four pounds thirteen shillings &
eight pence two farthings is £ 6397-9-9

Committed To Oliver Bacon a Constable to collect 3487-9-9

also committed to David Reed a Constable to collect 2910

Sum total of y^e above is £ 6397-9-9

Committed to Oliver Bacon over run in said Tot to pay y^e Town Treasurer 5-12-0
and committed to David Reed over run in said Tot to pay y^e Town Treasurer 10-7-6

(32)

Mr William Page Town Treasurer Charged

In page 308 the sum of

December 10. 1778. Mr William Page Treasurer or Surveyor

Ordered to Receive of — Oliver Pollard Constable 1840-15-5

And of Samuel Bacon Constable 1065-6-5

It being committed unto them respectively to collect —

And of Oliver Pollard's arrears of highways (the sum of two pounds seven shillings & two pence . . . } 2-7-2-0

And of Samuel Bacon arrears of highways (the sum of four pounds . . . } 4-0-0-0

it being respective ly committed to them to collect

William Page charged with nine pounds Recd of John Bacon for bad money that was paid to him Mr Sumner } 9-0-0-0

William Page charged with an order allowed him that Abe Bowman Returned to the Select Men — } 6-6-8-0

William Page Treasurer charged with the bill of the fire arm over and above the first cost — } 26-17-0-0

April 15th 1779 William Page Treasurer or Surveyor

Ordered to Receive of Oliver Bacon Constable 17-3-8

And of David Reed Constable 15-2-7

It being an assignment that was run in the

& Continental that was committed to them respectively to collect

28 William Page Treasurer charged with the Continental pay to the Men that went to Red Bank & Co. 52-10-0

and also the Continental pay to said Men 23-0-0

at m^{rs} the 1779

William Page Treasurer or Surveyor ordered to

Receive of Oliver Bacon Constable the sum of } 5-12-0-0

Five pounds twelve shillings and one farthing

And of David Reed Constable the sum of ten pounds } 10-7-6-3

Nine shillings & six pence three farthings

£ 415'6 = 11-10-0

Received of William Page Town Treasurer Five hundred
Forty one pounds Eight Shillings & Six pence
in part — £ 541-8-6

February the 29th 1778

Received of will^m Page Forty five pounds
Three Shillings Six pence & one farthing in part 144-3-6-1

February 13th 1779

Received of William Page Town Treasurer one hundred
Twenty four Pounds Nine Shillings & Eight pence in part 156-9-8-0

February 26th 1779 Received of William Page

Town Treasurer the Sum of Sixty seven pounds
Two Shillings three pence & two farthings — £ 57-2-3-4

Boston July 9th 1779

Received of William Page Town Treasurer the
Sum of Seventeen Hundred & Eighty eight
pounds Seven Shillings & Six pence in
part — £ 1788-7-6
in Note and Receipt

Boston & date bear y^e 20th 1780

Then Received of William Page Town Treasurer
To pay Six men their Milage and Bounty and
Expenses to Clavumick & 50 pounds per man
£ 300-0-0

February y^e 14th 1780

Received of William Page Town Treasurer the Sum of
Six hundred & Sixty three pounds & Seven pence three
farthings — £ 663-0-7-3

all^{so} Received of William Page Town Treasurer
the Sum of two hundred & thirty four pounds three
Shillings & one penny — in Note
of hand — £ 254-3-1-2

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February 27th 1772 Rec^d of Mr Thomas Page
Town Treasurer one Hundred & Six Pounds
Eight Shillings two pence one farthing & half, in part
£106-8-2 1/2

February 28th 1772 Rec^d of Mr Tho^s Page
Town Treasurer Ninety Eight Pounds Eighteen
Shillings two pence three farthings & half In part
— £98-18-2-3/4

February 26th 1773. Rec^d of Mr Thomas
Page Town Treasurer One Hundred Seventy
five Pounds Eleven Shillings & five pence
three farthings, In part — £175-11-5-2

March 3rd 1774 Received of Mr Thomas ^{Page} Town
Treasurer one Hundred & Seventy one pound
Six Shillings & two farthings In part £171-6-0-2

March 12th 1775 Received of Mr John Webber
Town Treasurer thirty five pound two Shillings
one penny one farthing. in part — £35-2-1-1

February 19th 1776 Rec^d of Mr John Webber
Town Treasurer Ninety three pounds one
Shilling & five pence three farthings In part. £93-1-5 3/4

March 8th 1776 Mr John Webber late Town
Treasurer returned to Mr Wm Page Treas^r
in Orders & Receipts — £207-16-1-3
also Rec^d in Josiah Davis's note Discharged 7-0-3

£342-19-11-3
The whole of Mr Webber's Charge — 339-7-5-1
over paid 3-12-6-2

March 8th 1776. Mr John Webber was
paid the balance in money charged
to Mr Wm Page Treas^r of Edward Stevens Estate

March 24th 1777 Received of Mr William Page
Town Treasurer forty five pound ten Shillings
and one half penny in part £45-10-0 1/2

February 25th 1765

Received of Beaton Stephen Davis Town Treasurer
the sum of ninty six pounds Eleven Shillings & seven
pence three farthings

£ 96 11 7 1/4

February 24th 1766 Rec^d of Stephen Davis
Town Treasurer the sum of One Hundred & four
Pounds Thirteen Shilling & ten pence half penny
Brought over - £ 104 13 10 1/2
£ 298 6 11 1/4
£ 499 12 6

February 24th 1767 Rec^d of m^r John Reed Town Treasurer
One Hundred & ten pounds ten Shilling & ten
pence In parts - £ 110 10 10

March 1st 1768 Rec^d of m^r John Reed Town Treasurer
One Hundred & forty three Pounds four Shillings
& six pence half penny, In part - £ 143 4 6 1/2

March 6th 1769 Rec^d of m^r John Reed Town Treasurer
Ninety Pounds Thirteen Shilling & seven
pence one farthing, In parts. £ 90 13 7 1/4

March 2nd 1770 Rec^d of m^r John Reed Town Treasurer
One Hundred Twenty two Pounds ten Shilling
& three pence one farthing, In part. - £ 122 10 3 1/4
Sum Total £ 466 19 3

March 23: 1770 Rec^d of m^r John Reed
Late Town Treasurer in order Returned
Due from several Persons £ 182 9 1 3 1/2 } 198 9 4
Paid in Cash Delivered to } 16 10 2 2
the new Treasurer - }
Sum Total - £ 665 18 7 1 1/2

April 12th 1758.

Recd. of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer One hundred & Sixty Pounds Six Shillings & Nine pence half penny — £160-6-9

February 22nd 1759

Recd. of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer One Hundred & forty one Pounds Seven Shillings & five pence In part — — — — — £141-7-6

February 20th 1760

Recd. of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer Eighty five Pounds Eleven Shillings & half a penny In part — £85-11-0
including an order to Stephen Davis Dated February 26: 1759 of one pound Six Shillings & five pence which was lost.

May 23: 1757 Recd. of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer five Shillings on acc^t. of Richard Wheeler's Bond to him at Treas^r. In part 0 5 0
£387-10-0

February 24: 1761.

Recd. of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer the Sum of Ninety Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings & two pence Three farthings, In part — — — — — £97-14-2

February 4th 1762

Recd. of Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer the Sum of Ninety five Pounds Six Shillings one penny two farthings, In part — — — — — 95-6-1

February 26th 1763

Received of Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer the Sum of Forty seven Pounds one Shilling & Eleven pence half Penny In part — — — — — 45-1-11

October 28th 1763

Received of Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer the Sum of fifty eight Pounds Eight Shillings & one penny In part — — — — — 58-8-1

February 28th 1764

Received of Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer the Sum of Ninety Nine Pounds Nine Shillings and three pence half penny — — — — — £99-9-3

Received of Deacon Stephen Davis Town Treasurer one Shilling & Six pence one farthing which was charged upon Samuel Woolley's account 1-6-0
298-6-11

Bedford May 11th 1770 W. Daniel Davis a late Constable
then shewed the Selectmen a Receipt from m^r Tho^s Page
Town Treasurer, of one Pound fourteen Shillings, & two far
things, & an half, In full. — att^d. Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford March 7th 1774
Then received of the Town the whole of my Settlement & the
Salary for the two years past — Joseph Penniman

Bedford Feb^r 20th 1776
Then received of the Town Treas^r the whole of a Salary for the
year 1774 — Joseph Penniman

Bedford March 20th 1777
This day received of the Town Treas^r the whole of my Salary
for the time past —
or for the years 1775 & 1776 — Joseph Penniman

March 21st 1778 This day received of the Town
Treasurer, the whole of my Salary for the year
1777 — Joseph Penniman

March 5th 1779 This day received of the Town Treas^r
the whole of my Salary for 7 years 1778 — Joseph Penniman

March 6th 1780 This day received of the Town Treas^r the
whole of my Salary for 7 years 1779 — Joseph Penniman

March 5th 1782 This day received of the Town Treas^r the
full of my Salary for the year 1780 — Joseph Penniman

Bedford Jan. 13th 1758 Received of Mr. John Bacon
Town Treasurer one hundred & ten pounds lawful money
which is the whole of my salary & half my Settlement which
was due to me for the year which ended February 15th 1758
Nath: Sherman

Bedford Feb. 7th 1759 Received
of Mr. John Bacon Town Treasurer one hundred &
twelve pounds being in full of my salary & settlement
for ye year 1757.
Nath: Sherman

Bedford Dec. 15th 1759 Then Received of Mr. John Bacon
Town Treasurer fifty six pounds for my salary & was
granted more as interest my hand
for ye year 1758.
Nath: Sherman

Bedford March 1. 1761. Then Received the my salary
& was in full for ye year 1759.
Nath: Sherman

Bedford Nov. 1. 1761 Received ye whole of my salary &
was for ye year 1760.
Nath: Sherman

Feb. 25. 1764. Received the whole of my salary & was
for the years 1761- & 1762.
Nath: Sherman

March 1th 1765. Received the whole of my
salary for the year 1763.
Nath: Sherman

Feb. 4th 1766 Received the whole of my salary for
year 1764.
Nath: Sherman

Feb. 10th 1767 Received the whole of my salary for the
year 1765—
Nath: Sherman

Bedford Sept. 29th 1784

This Day took my salary in full, for the years
namely one & Eighty Two - i.e. 1781 & 1782
Lilamph & 53 granted to Joseph Penniman
me 4000 of paper

Bedford August 22nd 1754.

At a Regular Church-Meeting the Rev. Mr. Rogers Pastor of the Church in Littleton was Chosen Moderator for 1st Meeting.

1.
2. The Rev.^m Bowes Pastor of the Church offered to them the following Request for a Dismission Vix

To the Church of Christ in Bedford, Brethren, Under the Present Situation of Affairs in this Town I apprehend that my Usefulness as a Minister is at an End among you, Therefore I Desire that you would Give me a Dismission and that the Relation Between me & you as Pastor & People should Entirely Cease

upon which it was Put to vote whether they Complied with J. Rogers and were minded that the Relation Between J. Rogers & them as Pastor & People should Entirely Cease. Paff'd in the Affirmative.

3. Voted that Dea-Lane Dea - Putnam & Mr. Stephen Davis of the Church, to Sign the above mentioned Agreement Between J. Rogers & them, that the Relation Between them should Cease, and Enter the same on J. Town Record.

4. Upon Mr. Bowes's offering to J. Church Satisfaction for what ever had been amiss in his Conduict among them, it was Voted that He be owned, and treated as a Brother in Good Standing & Charity.

Daniel Rogers Mod.

We The Subscribers Sign the above Agreement according to J. Vote of J. Church.

Nicholas Bowes.

Job Leane
Israels Putnam }
Stephen Davis. } Con

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Bedford Decem: 4th 1752.

Rec^d of m^r Josiah Tapet Town Treasurer the Sum of sixty four Pounds
ten Shillings & Eleven pence half penny In part. — — — £ 64:10:11

By the Selectmen.

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford February 26: 1753. Rec^d of m^r Josiah Tapet Town Treasurer (In Service
and money Expended as a Committee on account of Lucy Barnard's Child) the sum
~~of two Pounds Seventeen Shillings & three pence In part. — — — £ 2:17:3~~

NB This Receipt Disannul'd in the Last Reckoning.

By the Selectmen

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford March 26: 1753. Rec^d of m^r Josiah Tapet late Town Treasurer
the Sum of ~~two~~ ^{two} Pounds ~~and~~ ^{three} Twopenny farthing In full £ 2:00:23

By the Selectmen.

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford February 7th 25th 1754.

Rec^d of m^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer the Sum of
Sixty Six Pounds & Seven Shillings In part. — — — £ 66:7:0

By the Selectmen

Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford February 10: 1755.

Rec^d of m^r Benj. Kidder Town Treasurer the Sum of Seventy
Eight ~~five~~ ^{five} Shillings & ten pence farthing In part. — — — 78:5:10

By the Selectmen

Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford March 7th 1755

Rec^d of m^r Benj. Kidder Town Treasurer the Sum of
five Pounds, seven Shilling & seven pence half penny — — — 5-7-7 1/2

By the Selectmen

Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford September 7th 29th 1755.

Rec^d of m^r Benjamin Kidder Town Treasurer, The Sum of
Forty five Pounds one Shilling & Three pence farthing In part £ 45:1:3 1/2

By the Selectmen.

Step. Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford February 13: 1756 Rec^d of m^r Benjamin Kidder Town
Treasurer, Twenty Eight Pounds eighteen Shillings & one penny
half penny In part. — — — £ 28:18:1 1/2

Bedford March 15: 1756 m^r Benj. Kidder late
Town Treasurer, Returned the several late Constables
Indebted to 4th Town the Sum of One Hundred & Sixteen ^{Pounds} ~~Shillings~~ ^{Nineteen}
Shillings & seven pence one farthing — — — £ 116:19 7 1/2

also Rec^d in money & Orders ten pound thirteen Shillings
& nine pence three farthing In full — — — 10:13:9

By the Selectmen

Stephen Davis Town Clerk

351-13-6

Bedford February 7th 1747/6

John Paige a late Const of S. Town Shewed his Receipt in full of the province tax Entered in presence of the selectmen
Israel Putnam
Town Clerk

Bedford Feb^r 20th 1748/9

Reckoned with m^r Benjⁿ Kidder Town Treasurer and Rec^d in orders the Sum of Three Hundred & fourty Pounds & three pence old tenor ——— £ 314-0-2

Bedford October 4th 1749

Reckoned with m^r Benjamin Kidder a late Town Treasurer and Rec^d. Twenty one Pounds four Shillings & Eight pence old tenor, in full £ 21-
Entered in Presence of the Selectmen. Stephen Davis Town Clerk

Bedford February 4th 1749 Rec^d. of m^r Abbott Town Treasurer the Sum of Five Hundred thirty one pounds three Shillings & six pence old tenor, in part ——— £ 531-3

Bedford Feb^r 9th 1750 Rec^d. of m^r Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer the Sum of Six Hundred sixty four Pounds four Shillings & three pence old tenor in part £ 664-4-
By the Selectmen.
Stephen Davis Town Clerk

Bedford February 4th 1752 Rec^d. of m^r Obed. Abbott Town Treasurer the Sum of Seventy nine Pounds eighteen Shillings & six pence one farthing Lawful money, in part ——— £ 79-18-6
Rec^d. by the Selectmen.
Stephen Davis Town Clerk

Bedford March 27th 1752 Reckoned with m^r Obed Abbott a late Town Treasurer, and Received the Sum of one Pound one Shilling and Eleven pence one farthing Lawful money in full. — £ 1-1-11
Rec^d. by the Selectmen,
Stephen Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford October 3rd 1745

Josiah Davis a late Const^{ble} shewed his Receipts
in full from the province Treasurer
and the County Treasurers in full
Entred in preasants of the selectmen
Israel Putnam
Town Clerk

Bedford February 9th 1750

Stephen Davis a late Const^{ble} of said Town shewed Receipts
in full from the Province, County, and Town Treasurers.
Recorded in the presence of, and by Order of the Selectmen -
Stephen Davis Town Clerk

Bedford November 9th 1756.

John Lane Jun^r a late Constable shewed Receipts in full
from the Province, County, and Town Treasurers.
Before the Selectmen. Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford September 21st 1757. Then Jonathan Taylor
shewed Receipts in full from the Province & County
Treasurers for the year 1756.

Before the Selectmen -
Step. Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford January 13th 1758.

Then John Lane Jun^r Constable for the year 1756. shewed
Receipts in full from the Province, County & Town
Treasurers for the year. Before the Selectmen
Step. Davis Town Clerk.

Bedford February 22nd 1759 Then Ebenezer Jones
Constable for the year 1756 shewed Receipts in full
from the Province County & Town Treasurers.
In Presence of the Selectmen
Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford February 22nd 1759. Then Jonathan Taylor
Constable for the year 1756. shewed Receipts in full
from the Town Treasurers.

In Presence of the Selectmen
Step. Davis Town Clerk

Bedford October the 2st 1745

Jonathan Woolsey a Late Const of the Town of Bedford
shewed his Receipts in full of the Province Tax
Entered in presents of the selectmen

Israel Putnam
Town Clerk

Bedford March the 4/1747/8

Joseph Fasset a Late Const of the Town of
Bedford shewed his Receipt in full of the
Town Rate Entered in presents of the select
men

John Whitmore Town Clerk

Bedford March the 11/1747/8

Then Received with Mr Obed Abbott Town Treasurer
and Dow. to the Town seven Pounds odd tenor on
Balony

March the 11/1747/8

Then Received seven pounds in full of Tax
of Mr Obed Abbott Town Treasurer in presents of
the selectmen

John Whitmore Town Clerk

Bedford November 23rd 1762. Received of the Town-Treasurer
Fifty Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, and Four Pence Lawful Money
in full of my Salary, which Ended the First Day of June Last, I say
Received by me - Nicholas Bowes. -

Bedford February 20th 1754. Received of the Town-Treasurer Fifty Three
Pounds, Six Shillings and Eight Pence Lawful Money, in full of my
Salary which Ended the First Day of June Last, I say Received by me: Nicholas Bowes.

Bedford March 5th 1759

Then John Laneham Constable for the year 1757
shewed Receipt in full from the Province, County
& Town Treasurers. Respectively

In presence of the Selectmen
Elihu Davis Town Clerk

Bedford May the 21st 1745

Mr John Paige a late Const^{le} shewed his receipt
from the County Treasurer in full of his County tax
Entered in presance of the selectmen 2-10-4
~~got Lane gr~~

Bedford February the 9/1746ⁿ
in Recd of Mr Obed Abbott Treasurer for said town
The sum of forty five pounds sixteen shillings
and a Leuen pence old tene

Bedford March the 12/1747

Recd of Mr Obed Abbott Tres: the sum of
Twenty pounds six shillings five pence old tene

March the 12/1747

Then Received With Mr Obed Abbott Tres:
and we find in his hands of the Towns money
Fifty Eight pounds fourteen shillings and Eighth
old tene

October the 14/1747

Recd of Mr Obed Abbott Town Treasurer the sum of
Eight pounds nine shillings and seven pence old tene
In full of a town Grant Relaiting to this Charge at
the Sessions say Recd By me
In Presents of

John Moore

Thomas Healey

Josiah Davis

Bedford March the 4/1747/8

Then Recd of Mr Obed Abbott Tres:
The sum of one hundred and five pounds fifteen shillings
and five pence old tene

Bedford March the 4/1747

Then Recd of Mr Obed Abbott seven pounds ten
shillings old tene

45-7-2
36 16-0
82-3-2
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Bedford May the 14th 1745
than Zacheriah Kitch shewed his Receipt in full
from the province ^{Treasurer} Entred by order of the
selectmen

Bedford october the 18th 1745
the Town Treasurer Recd a warrant to Demand
of John Page Josiah Jarvis Late Const the sum of
eighty two pounds three shill and two pence ~~82~~
82-3-

Bedford February y^e 28th 1745)⁶
than Recd of y^e Town Treasurer in orders the
sum of fifteen pounds nin shillings & tenor 15-9-

Bedford February y^e 28th 1745)⁶
than Recored with Mr Whitmor Town Treasur
and due to the Town teen shillings & nine pence
0-10-

Bedford February y^e 28th 1745)⁶
than Recd of y^e Treasurer thirty three pound
Eighteen shillings & teen pence 33-18-10

Bedford November 7. 6.th 1747. Received of the Town Treasurer One Hundred
and Ninety Pound Old Tenor in full of my Salary, which ended the first day of
June last. I say Received by me Nicholas Bowes. —

Bedford September 7. 5.th 1748. Received of the Town Treasurer Three Hundred
Pound Old Tenor, in full of my Salary, which ended the first day of June last,
I say Received, by me Nicholas Bowes. —

Bedford October 7. 9.th 1749. Received of the Town Treasurer Three Hundred & Twenty
Pound Old Tenor, in full of my Salary, which ended the first day of June last, I say
Received by me Nicholas Bowes.

Bedford December 7. 11.th 1750. Received of the Town Treasurer Three Hundred and
Forty Pound Old Tenor in full of my Salary, which ended the first day of June last,
I say Received by me Nicholas Bowes. —

Bedford October 7. 17.th 1751. Received of the Town Treasurer Fifty Pounds Thirteen Shilling
and four pence, Lawful money, in full of my Salary, which ended the first day of
June last, I say Received by me Nicholas Bowes. —

Bedford Decr 9th 1744

The Town Treasurer Rec^d a warrant to Demand
and Receive of Benj^a Bacon & Zachariah Titch
late Cons^t of the Town of Bedford the sum
of ninety five pounds fifteen ^{of tenor} pence 95-15-4
also of John Tasset & Stephen Davis &
Joseph Reed for strays the sum of two pounds
nine shillings & nine pence ^{of tenor} — 2-9-9
also of Geo^r Job Lane & Benj^a Titch & of
David Taylor & of Joseph Reed the sum of
sixteen shillings ^{of tenor} for entering Cautions 0-16-0
99-1-1

Bedford February 9th 1744^r

The Treasurer Rec^d a warrant to Demand and Receive
of Eleazar Davis Francis Willson Christ^r Paige
Jonathan Woolley late Cons^t of the Town of Bedford
the sum of ————— 56-3-2

5-1-6

3-0-2

50-15-7

37-5-11

Bedford May the 21st 1745

than Rec^d of Mr John Whitmore Town Treasurer
in orders the sum of sixty five pounds eleven shillings
65-11-0

Bedford October 15th 1745

than Rec^d of Mr John Whitmore Town Treasurer
in orders ye sum of fifty three pounds nine
shillings and teen pence
and also five shilling more 53-9-10
00-0-0

Bedford January 24th 1745

than Rec^d of Mr John Whitmore Town Treasurer in orders
seven pounds four shillings & eight pence 7-4-8

Bedford March the 14th 1743rd

the Treasurer. Recd a warrant & Demand of Eleazar
Davis William Grimes Benja Hutchinson Frances Willson
Christ^r Paige Jonathan Woolley the sum of 123-7-

Bedford October y^e 15th 1744

than Recd of Mr John Whitmore Town Treasurer
In orders the sum of forty one pounds
one shilling and ~~eleven~~ pence. 41-1-1

Bedford January y^e 1st 1744th

than Recd of y^e Town Treasurer in orders
the sum of forty pounds five shillings and six
pence of Tenor - 40-5-6

Bedford February 18th 1744th

than Recd of y^e Town Treasurer five pounds
nineteen shillings & seven pence - 5-19-7

Bedford February y^e 21st 1744th

than Recons with Mr John Whitmore ^{Town Treasurer} and Remain
in his hands sixteen shillings & seven pence 0-16-7
til the 26th 1744

Paige will 1-11-8

BB 4-4-3

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John Paige 16-17-10

Jos Davis 29-11-4

99-1-1

56-3-2

155-47-3

126-9-6

28-14-9

92-3-2

87-3-2

105-17-11

65-11-0

53-9-10

7-8-8

126-9-6

82-3-2

208-12-8

Bedford March 7th 22nd 1742. 3. Received of M^r John Whitmore Town Treasurer
One Hundred and Sixty Pounds Old Tenor, in full of my Salary, which ended
the first day of June last. I say Received by Me. Nicholas Bowles.

Bedford February the 18th 1743 17

David Taylor a Late Const of the Town of Bedford
shewed his Receipts ^{to the selectmen} from the province Treasurer
and the County Treasurer in full

Bedford February the 13th day 1743 17
than Received with John Whitmore Town Treasurer
than Recd in orders six pounds seventeen shillings & pence 6-17-1
and Remains in Treasurer hands 13-8-6

Bedford February the 13th day 1731 4
Mr John Moore a Late Const of the Town
shewed his Receipts in full of the province and
County Rates Entered in presents of the selectmen

Bedford March 7th 1743 14
than Recd of Mr John Whitmore Treasurer
the sum of Eighteen pounds thirteen shillings and
Eleven pence in orders of Cons Willsons 18-13-11

Bedford March the 14th 1743 14
than Recd of Mr John Moore a Late
Const of the Town of Bedford
in full of the Town Rate

Bedford March 7th 3rd 1745. 6. Received of M^r John Whitmore Town Treasurer
One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Old Tenor, in Full of my Salary, which ended
the first day of June last: I say Received by Me. Nicholas Bowles.
Bedford October 8th 1746. Received of the Town Treasurer One Hundred and Eighty Pounds
Old Tenor in full of my Salary which ended the first day of June last. I say Received by Me.
Nicholas Bowles.

